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CEO says no to Oilers Ont. move

► President claims he has no intention to move hockey team to Hamilton, but does meet with city politicians to discuss deals ► Suggestions rise that situation may put pressure on province to fund new rink

The president of the Edmonton Oilers says there's absolutely no intention to move the hockey club to Hamilton even though he privately met with local politicians in that city yesterday to work on

"some land deals."

"This is not about the Oilers relocating, this is not about Edmonton," said Oilers president and CEO Patrick LaForge, about his meeting with Hamilton city council-

lors yesterday.

LaForge's visit in Hamilton comes weeks after talks between the city and Oilers owner Daryl Katz stalled over a new downtown area.

When the news broke about the visit, some suggested the move could put pressure on Alberta's government to fund the new rink.

● JEFF CUMMINGS

Soccer. Spain wins



► Spain's David Villa, centre, celebrates after scoring during the World Cup soccer Spain-Portugal match in South Africa yesterday.

IVAN SKEKETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain moves on to World Cup's final eight

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► Fans get 30 minutes more of Heidi as episodes go 90 minutes next season {page 24}

No Metro tomorrow

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Man arrested in cat killing


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City cops arrested a man Monday night after he allegedly stabbed a pet cat to death at a home in the city's north end.

Police say the stabbing took place inside the home

near 58 Street and 132 Avenue and the cat's body was found in a garbage can behind the residence sometime around 6 p.m.

Chad Orydzuk, a spokesman with the Edmonton Police Service, says the incident continued in the backyard of the home where a female resident of the ho-

me was attacked.

"The woman was pushed," said Orydzuk.

The woman allegedly tried to save the wounded cat, according to a report by an Edmonton radio news station.

The motive isn't known at this time and police won't release the suspect's identi-

ty after making the arrest.

Police say a 36-year-old man has been charged with assault, possession of an offensive weapon dangerous to the public, and killing an animal — a charge under the criminal code.

The man is expected to make a court appearance today.

News in brief

Boy going back to NYC

MEDICAL HELP. Maddox Flynn, an Edmonton toddler with a growth on his face, is returning to New York City this week for another procedure. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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SpinDoctor on the damage done to Harper's G20 accomplishments by violent protests

New information sought in cold case

► Police believe young man killed in 2006 was unintended victim of gang-related crime


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An Edmonton homicide detective is asking for the public's help in cracking a four-year-old homicide case that's gone cold.



► Michael Yalowica, 19, died from his wounds after a spray of bullets struck him as he was entering Laser Karaoke near 34 Avenue and 99 Street June 20, 2006.

Police say two male suspects were seen fleeing from the area and investigators believe Yalowica was unintentionally shot in a gang-related crime.

Fran Metselaar, the lead detective in the cold file,

"This has been weighing on their conscience"

DET. FRANK METSELAAR

says cracking the case has been a challenge since many of the witnesses had gang ties.

Since it's been four years since the crime, Metselaar says he's hoping those witnesses who "escaped the grasp of a gang" are now willing to come forward.

"This has been weighing on their conscience," said Metselaar.

Homicide detectives believe the suspects were black or Hispanic males, but witnesses have been unable to provide a more detailed description.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Edmonton Police Service at 780-423-4567.



► Det. Frank Metselaar talks to reporters outside Edmonton Police Headquarters yesterday asking for the public's help in cracking a four-year-old homicide case.

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News in brief**Guilty verdict in party death**

MANSLAUGHTER. Colin Bibaud, a man accused of beating Eric Olsen to death at a house party northwest of Stony Plain in May 2007, has been convicted of manslaughter.

Olsen, 20, was chased onto the roof of an acreage when he was beaten into a coma with golf clubs and a log, court heard, before he fell off the roof and was beaten some more.

The man was taken off life support four days after the attack.

Bibaud was originally charged with first-degree murder in relation to the case, but it was later overturned to manslaughter.

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Get dramatic this summer

THEATRE. Dramaworks, Theatre Alberta's annual summer workshop series for adults, will be taking place at the University of Alberta. Featuring a variety of workshops for all levels, Dramaworks runs July 2-4 and 8-11 and is still accepting registrations. Contact Theatre Alberta at 780-422-8162 or visit them online at www.theatrealberta.com. • METRO EDMONTON



'SWISS MISS'

Record-breaking year

In 2009, Simona De Silvestro picked up her game and stunned the North American open-wheel world.

The Swiss racer would go on to win four races in dominant fashion with Team Stargate Worlds. In addition to her wins, she also earned four pole positions and an extraordinary nine podium finishes in the 2009 Atlantic Championship season.

Her success was not only impressive — it was

record-breaking. The "Swiss Miss" was the first woman in series history to have earned the most wins, pole positions, and led the most laps all in a single season. She finished the season in third place, proving that she may be on track to becoming open wheel racing's next shining star.

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An advertisement for Mobler Furniture. It features a black leather bed with a wooden headboard and footboard, set against a white background. The bed is positioned within a circular frame. Below the bed, the text "See Our New Website!" is displayed. At the bottom, the Mobler Furniture logo is shown with the brand name in a stylized blue font and "MOBLER FURNITURE" in smaller letters below it. The address "10550 MAYFIELD ROAD TEL: (780) 444-1199" is listed at the very bottom.

Red-hot rookie

► Swiss racer set to tear through Indy ► Riding a streak of success

 STEFAN STRANGMAN
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Edmonton's Honda Indy is promising to be quite a thrill this year with its high-speed drag races and exhilarating pro drivers, but one in particular is hoping to win the crowd.

This year's Indy, from July 23-25, will feature rookie sensation Indy car driver Simona De Silvestro.

Originally from Switzerland, De Silvestro has been called "the winningest driver in series history," coming in third place in last year's Atlantic Championship for Team Stargate Worlds, winning four races, four poles and nine podium finishes in 12 starts.

Her career began in Europe with races in Italy, France, and Switzerland, winning several podium finishes.

She has won races in Utah, New Jersey, Lime Rock, Connecticut and Trois-Rivieres, Que.

De Silvestro brought her passion for racing to the United States in 2006. After a streak of successes overseas, she went on to win nine podium finishes dur-

"Everyone likes winners. That's what I'm trying to do."
SIMONA DE SILVESTRO

ing the 2009 Atlantic Championship season.

With all the tours under her belt, De Silvestro has to be in peak physical condition for every race. She must work out five hours each day to stay in peak driving condition to cope with the arduous demands presented by professional driving.

De Silvestro admits the transition between the Atlantic Series racing and Indy racing hasn't been easy, but says she's learning quickly, and the other drivers have been giving her a hand to help her ease into the driving.

"I'm learning something new," she says. "The other drivers have been pretty helpful."

Even though she shares camaraderie with her fellow drivers, De Silvestro says she's in it to win.

"Everyone likes winners," she says.

"That's what I'm trying to do."

Racers Lap the Track for a cure

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The Indy Track in Edmonton will be home to more than one race this summer, one with Formula One cars and the other with feet and two wheels.

The Lap the Track event in Edmonton is a 5-km walk, run, or roll around the Indy race track.

The race is in support of spinal cord research and is supported by Aaron Moser, Shoot For A Cure, Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation and the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation.



► Aaron Moser of the Aaron Moser Spinal Cord Injury Foundation.

3 ways to participate in Lap The Track July 23: Run, walk or wheel to raise funds for research on curing spinal cord injuries.

This is only the third race of its kind ever done, but Aaron Moser, of the Aaron Moser Spinal Cord Injury Foundation, says he hopes the fundraiser will catch on in Edmonton, too.

"This one is so original," he says. "We're the only ones doing it ... it's a great opportunity. Were going to see how Edmontonians rally around causes such as this."

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Canada Day Fireworks Finale

RIVER VALLEY (11 P.M.) Spectacular fireworks display over Edmonton's river valley parks and the North Saskatchewan River.

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Canada Day Festival at Louise McKinney Riverfront Park

2 P.M. TO 8 P.M. Live entertainment, crafts and family activities.

Dominion Day

FORT EDMONTON PARK (10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.) A park-wide celebration of Dominion Day with live music, dancing, and costumed interpreters. Check out the launch of the newly restored Streetcar #33. Free birthday cake. Free shuttle from South Campus LRT. Get your tickets in advance at www.fortedmontonpark.ca.

ATB Financial presents Canada Day

EDMONTON VALLEY ZOO (11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.) Celebrate Canada Day and the Edmonton Valley Zoo's 51st birthday. Visit the Canadian animals, eat a slice of birthday cake, and enjoy a wonderful mix of family entertainment including performances by The Smudge Fundae.

Canada Day at City Hall & Plaza

11 A.M. TO 4 P.M. Canada Day Ceremony at 12 p.m. in the City Room. Live entertainment, crafts, face painting, petting zoo, City hall tours and displays.

Churchill Square

11 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M. The Works Art & Design Festival.

Muttart Conservatory

1 P.M. TO 4 P.M. Enjoy lively music, crafts, planting activities, face painting and lots of family fun. Search the pyramids to find plants native to Canada and then learn more from a guest naturalist. Canada Day also marks the beginning of our annual sculpture show.

3rd Annual Canada Day at Borden Park

1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. Free admission to Borden Park Outdoor Pool, free BBQ, live entertainment, and family activities.

Alberta Legislature Canada Day

7 A.M. TO 5 P.M. Free pancake breakfast, Canada Day walk and runs, family entertainment.
11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. Autograph session with Olympian Shannon Szabados.

Silly Summer Parade

NOON TO 3:30 P.M. Starts at Queen Alexandra School, 7730-106 St., heads west on Whyte Ave. to 108 St. and back to Queen Alexandra School for family activities.

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GET TO KNOW A NEW CANADIAN

Dayo Esther Omotayo
moved to Canada four years ago from Nigeria. Metro talked to her about her experiences in her new home.

Why did you choose to come to Canada?

I came because my Mother died of Malaria and when my father moved to Canada, he made enough money to send me here.

What were your first impressions of Canada?

It was cold, but I am very happy in this country.

What is the one thing you love most about Edmonton?

I love cycling and the cycling community here.

What is one thing you still find strange?

Riding a bike, but I'm practising!

• ANDREAS MORSE



► Dayo Esther Omotayo

Extra police out for Canada Day events

► Police service will have both helicopters in the air ► Extra officers will patrol Whyte Avenue

Canada Day revellers will notice an "extra presence" of patrol officers in a number of city neighbourhoods Thursday, says an Edmonton police spokeswoman.

Edmonton's police service says it will have both of its helicopters, Air-1 and Air-2, in the air the entire day, along with adding a

number of extra officers along Whyte Avenue, Millwoods, and the city's downtown.

● JEFF CUMMINGS

2 The number of police helicopters patrolling the city sky on July 1.

Canada Day

Celebrate Canada's 143rd birthday in Edmonton with family fun events.

► Dominion Day at Fort Edmonton Park
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City offers cemetery tours

► Events held at three heritage sites ► Anyone can sign up

Calling all local history buffs. It's time to walk on the wild side of Edmonton. The city is offering a number of tours at three of Edmonton's heritage cemeteries this summer.

Each tour is \$5, which includes a historical tour booklet, according to city organizers.

The city says it will offer tours at the Edmonton Cemetery, the city's first and only cemetery near 118 Street and 107 Avenue. Tours will also include the Mount Pleasant Cemetery near 54 Avenue

and 106 Street and the Beechmount Cemetery near 124 Avenue and 104 Street.

Anyone can sign up online for the cemetery tours at www.ereg.edmonton.ca or by calling 311, says the city.

Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Insect repellent is recommended and pre-registration is recommended but drop-ins are always welcome.

All tours run from 7:30 p.m.

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News in brief

Enbridge to spend \$400M on pipeline

OIL INDUSTRY. Enbridge Inc. will spend \$400 million to expand its Waupisoo Pipeline in Alberta after securing new contracts for the shipping of oilsands crude.

The pipeline company says it has received shipper commitments that add up to 229,000 barrels per day of capacity on the pipeline, which carries oilsands crude to terminals near Edmonton. The expansion will add about 65,000 barrels per day in the second half of 2012 and about 190,000 barrels per day when it reaches full service capacity in the second half of 2013.

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Stage Macbeth



► James Macdonald and Melissa MacPherson rehearse Macbeth.

ANDREAS MORSE

Shakespeare in the park

James MacDonald and Melissa MacPherson rehearse a scene from Shakespeare's Macbeth, one of the plays featured at this year's Freewill Shakespeare Festival in Hawrelak Park.



► Right-wing U.S. pundit Ann Coulter stoked controversy during her March campus tour in Canada.

Records show university debated Ann Coulter return

► Emails show University of Ottawa president wanted pundit to revisit ► Advisers warned of 'news event'

The president of the University of Ottawa wanted to invite Ann Coulter, the abrasive right-wing American commentator, back to campus after her scheduled speech last March was shut down amid fierce protests.

But Allan Rock's advisers talked him out of it, warning that Coulter's appearance would only turn into another media circus, newly disclosed documents show.

"An invitation to Ms. Coulter to return to the campus would demonstrate good faith on the part of the university and an unqualified commitment to freedom of expression," Rock wrote in an email to university officials on March 24.

That was the day after the speech was cancelled because of raucous anti-

"Should she decide to take you up on the offer (of returning), her appearance will become a live news event that she will cynically use to personal advantage to extend her sense of grievance and victimization and amplify her profile ... It will be her win, not about your gesture."

CONSULTANT ELLY ALBOIM, IN AN EMAIL TO UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA PRESIDENT ALLAN ROCK, REGARDING ROCK'S INVITATION TO U.S. CONSERVATIVE PUNDIT ANN COULTER TO RETURN TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

Coulter protests outside the university's auditorium.

But several advisers, including Ely Alboim of the consulting firm Earnscliffe Strategy Group, strongly advised against the move.

"My own personal view is that, on balance, I would not reinvite her," Alboim said in an email to Rock.

"Should she decide to take you up on the offer,

her appearance will become a live news event that she will cynically use to personal advantage to extend her sense of grievance and victimization and amplify her profile ... It will be her win, not about your gesture."

University records were obtained by The Canadian Press under Ontario's freedom-of-information law.

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UN: Gangs make \$3B a year in human trafficking

Traffickers who subject women and children to prostitution and forced labour are engaged in one of Europe's most lucrative crimes — a \$3 billion US a year, modern-day slave trade whose victims are growing by 50 per cent annually, a United Nations agency said yesterday.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime estimated that more than 140,000 people are currently controlled by organized gangs. Many victims are tricked into leaving lives of poverty in eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America with bogus promises of work.

"Europeans believe that slavery was abolished centuries ago. But look around — slaves are in our midst," UNODC executive director

51%
of human trafficking victims in Europe come from the Balkan countries or the former Soviet Union, with another 13 per cent coming from Latin America, according to the UN.

Antonio Maria Costa said in a statement accompanying the report.

Costa said one big problem is that governments in industrialized countries have only recently passed tougher laws to crack down on trafficking in people.

"It is a very recent recognition of a very old problem," Costa said later to

The Associated Press, adding that arrests and convictions of traffickers are rare. "I could count them on one hand."

Worldwide, his agency estimated several million people have fallen victim to traffickers.

American actress Mira Sorvino, who serves as a goodwill ambassador for the UN agency, said she met in Madrid with women who have been rescued from trafficking gangs in Spain and their stories were heartbreaking.

One Romanian woman was beaten so badly while being smuggled to Spain that her ribs were broken. Despite the injury, she still had to service clients in a roadside brothel while she recovered, Sorvino said.

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Fines overturned on casino

A \$25,000 fine the Canadian government imposed on Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa for flying top gamblers to and from Montreal and Toronto has been overturned. A Canadian appeals panel ruled because the flights were private and not open to the general public, the Borgata did not need a Canadian aviation licence.

The Canadian Transportation Agency cited the Borgata for 10 flights its two private jets made between Atlantic City and Montreal or Toronto. The agency said the Borgata needed a Canadian licence. But the casino appealed, and won, convincing an appeals panel last month that the private flights are not covered by Canada's licence law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attack blamed on Maoists

Maoist rebels killed at least 27 paramilitary troops in an ambush in eastern India yesterday, the latest in a series of bold attacks by the guerrillas, a senior police official said.

A 50-strong patrol of the Central Reserve Police Force was ambushed yesterday evening on a routine patrol in a densely forested area in the Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh state, said Sunder Raj, the police official. Ten other troops were wounded, he said.

Few other details were immediately available from the remote area. It is a stronghold of the rebels, who are also called Naxals, after the village of Naxalbari where their movement started in the 1970s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens of rebels killed

A Congolese general says the army has killed 80 rebels from neighbouring Rwanda and Uganda who crossed into volatile eastern Congo.

Gen. Amuli Bahigwa said yesterday the army killed the rebels in an operation that started June 1.

He said four soldiers were killed and that Ugandan rebels killed eight civilians. Eastern Congo has been wracked by violence since Rwanda's 1994 genocide spilled war across the border.

Ugandan rebels have spread their 20-year fight to Congo, Sudan and Central African Republic.

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PAUL SULLIVAN



HAPPY 143RD, CANADA

"We are the 'What' in 'What's New'
— Shane Koyczan, Canadian Slam Poet

It's a great day to be Canadian. It's our 143rd birthday, which makes us a mere infant compared to all those places we're originally from. But look at it this way: while they're sitting on their, um, traditions, we're on our feet and underway.

It's a brand new day.

Maybe it's the experience of the 2010 Olympics, when we set the gold standard for glitz and glory, but there's a new spring in our national step. If everyone is Irish on March 17, on July 1, everyone is Canadian.

In London, they're celebrating Canada in Trafalgar Square, handing out Tim

Horton's coffee and playing the Trafalgar Cup Street Hockey tournament.

In Beijing, they're having one of the largest outdoor events of the year, which in China is saying something, complete with a traditional Canadian (?) hot chili pepper eating contest.

New York has five, count 'em five, Canada Day parties, and in Sydney, Australia, they're serving that Great Canadian drink, the bloody Caesar, importing 100 litres of clamato juice especially for the occasion.

Even the Queen and Prince Phillip are in on the act, posing as lawn ornaments on Parliament Hill, along with the Bare Naked Ladies. How Canadi-

an is that, eh?

Today is the day we leave our hyphen at home and celebrate those things we have in common, not those that make us different. The other 364 days of the year, we have the freedom to celebrate who we are, wherever we're from:

Euro-Indo-Afro-Asian- or even Uno- (as in First) Canadians. Myself, I'm usually Irish-English-French Canadian perhaps with a dash of Uno- but today I'm 360° Canadian.

Both parents were children of immigrants and there were lots of looks back in longing for the old sod, and seeing as we're all from somewhere else (even, arguably, if you were here

First), I bet the same thing happens in your home.

When I finally set foot on said old sod, it was a nice place to visit, but it didn't take long to understand why my adventurous forebears decided to throw all their treasure at a single risky bet, a new start in a New World.

Today, it's pretty clear that bet has paid off many times over. In the words of Shane Koyczan, that guy who blew us all away with his "We are More" poem at the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Games:

"We are the true north/strong and free

And what's more/is that we didn't just say it
We made it be."

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► The Maple Leaf on display before a Toronto FC soccer game this season. It became our official flag in what year?

CANADA DAY QUIZ

Courtesy Megan Siegel,
CanadianLiving.com

1. Canada is a bilingual country, but what is the only official bilingual province?

- a) Quebec
- b) New Brunswick
- c) Ontario

d) New Brunswick

2. What is the oldest walled city that still exists north of Mexico?

- a) Montreal
- b) Halifax
- c) Quebec City
- d) Vancouver

3. Whose face is on the Canadian hundred-dollar bill?

- a) Wilfred Laurier
- b) John A. MacDonald
- c) William Lyon Mackenzie King
- d) Robert Borden

4. What is Canada's

national sport?

- a) Hockey
- b) Lacrosse
- c) Curling
- d) None of the above
- e) Both a and b

Answers: Photo: 1965.
1:b, 2:c, 3:d, 4:e.

Far and wide

Metro asked people across the country about what makes them proud to be Canadian on this Canada Day.



Alison Keppler

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"The diversity in our country. From the people to the places we visit. It's amazing."



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"We have peace here."



Vanessa Boucher

CALGARY

"Freedom of everything. Freedom of expression. The people are really nice. We have a lot of resources and we have a lot of beautiful places in Canada."



Commander Rowland Marshall (Ret.)

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► Masked vandals clash with police during Greece's fifth general strike this year ► Protesters angry over proposed reforms, including higher retirement age

Dozens of masked youths clashed with police at a union protest yesterday in Athens during the country's fifth general strike this year against the cash-strapped government's planned pension and labour reforms.

Riot police fired tear gas and stun grenades to disperse troublemakers who threw chunks of marble smashed off metro station entrances and set rubbish bins on fire. Running clashes continued along a major avenue — lined with shuttered shops and banks —

as rioters armed with wooden clubs made repeated sallies against police.

The violence came as some 10,000 people took part in a demonstration organized by the country's two main labour unions and fringe left-wing groups.

Unions fiercely oppose draft legislation submitted to parliament last week that would increase retirement ages and make it cheaper for companies to fire workers — measures aimed at fixing the country's debt crisis.

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Shutdown

Yesterday's strike had a wide-ranging impact on life in Greece.

- **Transportation.** Services were disrupted.
- **Hospitals.** Forced to operate on emergency staff.
- **Media.** News broadcasts were pulled off the air.
- **Public services.** Many were shut down.
- **Air travel.** Nearly 100 domestic flights were cancelled.



► A riot officer pushes away a demonstrator yesterday during union protests in Athens.

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G20 PROTEST AFTERMATH

Overflow for G20 courts

A Toronto courthouse groaned yesterday following the mass arrests related to the weekend's violent G20 protests.

It was another chaotic day as harried lawyers huddled with bewildered family members or sprinted down the corridor to a hearing while friends and supporters milled around the north-end building.

For friends and family, the process was painstakingly slow.

"I feel like a human again," Courtney Winkels, 20, said, describ-



► Freed from G20 jail.

ing sleeping in a portable bathroom at the special detention centre because the concrete floor in the cell was too uncomfortable.

"It was absolutely terrible," she said. "They did not respect our human rights at all."

About 700 people were arrested over the weekend. Many were released unconditionally, although it remained unclear exactly how many faced charges.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cambodia PM gets H1N1 scare

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and three of his cabinet ministers have contracted swine flu and the premier is recovering after several days of medical care, the Health Ministry said yesterday.

Hun Sen, 59, required "urgent treatment" after Friday's weekly cabinet meeting, the ministry said in a brief statement released yesterday.

"After receiving treatment from medical specialists, the health of Prime Minister Hun Sen is back to normal," the statement said.

At least six Cambodians have died from swine flu.

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QUEBEC

Price cut riles drug makers

The Quebec government's decision to lower prices on generic drugs has ignited angry reaction from manufacturers and threatens the profits of the province's pharmacy leader, Jean Coutu.

Generic drug manufacturers warned yesterday that they could be forced to reduce investment and employment in Quebec in response to the province's decision to ensure it continues to offer the lowest drug prices in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The manufacturers also told a news conference they would submit a \$60-million bill for distribution costs they have absorbed if they don't receive offsets.

"Less products to manufacture and fewer products to develop risks to hinder the growth of the generic drug industry, which has nearly 5,000 direct jobs in Quebec," warned Yves Dupre, Quebec executive director of the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association.

The Quebec government announced last Friday that it expects to save \$164 million a year from lower prices on generic drugs. The move follows a similar initiative taken in Ontario. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

U.S. accepts aid to clean up spill

The United States is accepting help from 12 countries and international organizations in dealing with the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the State Department said yesterday.

The State Department said in a news release the U.S. is working out the particulars of the help that's been accepted.

More than 30 countries and international organizations have offered to help with the spill. The U.S. hasn't made a final decision on most of the offers.

The United States rarely faces a disaster of such magnitude that it requires international aid, but the government did accept assistance after hurricane Katrina.

Most of the countries and groups have offered skimmers, boom or dispersant chemicals, according to a chart on the State Department's website.



► A U.S. Coast Guard ensign inspects a beach in Biloxi, Miss.

The chart indicated offers have been accepted from six countries — Canada, Mexico, Croatia, the Netherlands, Norway and Japan. Offers also were accepted from two groups — the International Maritime Organization and the Monitoring and Information Center, which is operated by the European Commission.

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Queen saddened by soldiers' deaths

► Queen Elizabeth II receives flowers from Second World War veteran Allan Tanner following an international fleet review yesterday in Halifax.

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- Monarch offers condolences
- Troops' bodies return to Canada

The Queen joined Canadians yesterday in expressing condolences over the deaths last week of two Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.

In a private message to their commanding officers, the Queen, who is on a visit to Canada, asked that her condolences be conveyed to their families.

The bodies of Master Cpl. Kristal Giesebricht, 34, and Pte. Andrew Miller, 21, died Saturday when a roadside bomb exploded near Kandahar City.

Soldiers

- Explosion Master Cpl. Kristal Giesebricht, 34, and Pte. Andrew Miller, 21, died Saturday when a roadside bomb exploded near Kandahar City.
- Heavy toll Their deaths brought to 150 the number of Canadian soldiers killed on the Afghan mission since its start in 2002.

Also parked on an overpass was a bright CP Rail locomotive adorned with Maple Leafs.

Railway workers stood nearby with a sign saying "We Support Our Troops."

The procession route also included the newly dubbed "Route of Heroes" through Toronto to the coroner's office.

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Noriega dismisses laundering charges

"I am a victim of the same conspiracy that the United States brought against me."
MANUEL NORIEGA



► A 1989 file photo of Manuel Noriega.

Relishing the chance to defend himself in court, former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega boasted yesterday of his one-time international stature and decried the United States as the mastermind of a "conspiracy" that has kept him behind bars for two decades.

Speaking in a booming voice and gesticulating animatedly, the 76-year-old delivered an hour-long monologue that started with his rise from a "modest family" to the summits of power in 1983 and lingered on the details of his long, friendly relationship

with the U.S. government — including the CIA. He also gave his take on why the relationship soured.

But when the judges pressed him with questions pertaining to the charges against him — that he laundered drug money in France in the late 1980s — Noriega clammed up, insisting he couldn't recall his financial doings at the time.

Noriega was deposed after a 1989 U.S. invasion and went on to spend two

decades behind bars in Florida for drug trafficking. In April, he was extradited to France to face charges that he laundered profits from cocaine trafficking through French banks.

Those charges, he said, were nothing more than "an imaginary financial setup."

"I am a victim of the same conspiracy that the United States brought against me," said Noriega, who faces up to 10 years in prison and multimillion-dollar fines in France if convicted.

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England. Paying respects



►Mourners in Wootton Bassett, England, yesterday

Paying tribute to the latest British casualties

Mourners pay their respects yesterday as a funeral cortege travels through the high street in Wootton Bassett, England, during the repatriation of seven British servicemen, who were killed in Afghanistan. According to numbers released by the British Ministry of Defence, 20 British soldiers have died this month in Afghanistan. In all, 309 British personnel have been killed in the country since the start of operations in October 2001.

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Public misled over fence law

► Police didn't have power to arrest those within five metres of G20 summit fence ► But Toronto police chief wanted 'to keep the criminals out'

The expiration of the five-metre rule that had Toronto residents fearing arrest if they strayed too close to the G20 security perimeter came with a startling revelation yesterday — it never existed.

The rule seemed straightforward when the news broke last Friday that the Ontario government made a regulatory change to a little-known act in secret.

Come within five metres of the summit security fence and you'd better have some identification or risk arrest.

The temporary regulation, which was passed in secret June 2, did decree that all streets and sidewalks inside the fence were a public work until 11:59 p.m. Monday. Under the Ontario Public Works Protection Act, that allowed police to search people trying to enter that area.

But there was no power to search people coming within five metres of the fence, said ministry spokeswoman Laura Blondeau.

Asked yesterday if there actually was a five-metre

"The lack of transparency surrounding the designation of the security perimeter as a public work led to misunderstanding as to the scope of the search and seizure powers during the summit ... In our view it was an inappropriate use of search and seizure powers."

NATHALIE DES ROSIERS, CANADIAN CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

rule given the ministry's clarification, Toronto police Chief Bill Blair smiled and said, "No, but I was trying to keep the criminals out."

The confusion, it seems,

came from the wording of the regulation.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association demanded an apology from the Ontario government.

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Success in captive breeding of highly endangered bird

The long-billed vulture, one of the world's most endangered birds, has been bred in captivity for the first time in India, scientists said yesterday.

The three chicks that hatched in February and March in a breeding centre in northern India belong to ani-

one of three species of Asian vultures facing extinction. All of the baby birds had fledged — or taken their first flight by Monday.

The World Conservation Union has listed the three Indian vulture species as critically endangered, the category applied to ani-

mals closest to extinction. Tens of millions of vultures once played a key role in South Asia's ecosystem, disposing of carcasses and keeping down populations of stray dogs and rats that also feed on carcasses and are likely to spread diseases.

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60,000

The total number of the three species of vultures is now below 60,000, according to Britain's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which provides funds and technical expertise to the Indian breeding program.

U.S. LAWSUIT

Supreme Court sits one out

The U.S. Supreme Court is staying out of a dispute between Nigerian families and Pfizer, Inc., over the drug maker's use of a new antibiotic on children during a deadly outbreak of meningitis in the mid-1990s.

The justices yesterday rejected the pharmaceu-

tical giant's appeal of a court ruling that allowed the lawsuits filed by the Nigerians in U.S. courts to go forward. The families allege that Pfizer violated international law against involuntary medical experimentation when it tested the drug, Trovan.

The company failed to get the informed consent of the children or their parents, or to tell them that the drug had not been approved for use in children, the lawsuits say.

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Two officers killed in Fla.

Two Tampa police officers were killed in an early-morning shooting during a traffic stop that has prompted a massive manhunt for two people.

Officer David Curtis pulled over a red Toyota Camry around 2:15 a.m. yesterday because it didn't have a visible tag.

He called for backup after a background check revealed the male passenger in the car was wanted on a misdemeanour charge for writing a worthless cheque in Jacksonville.

The two officers approached the passenger side of the car. Six minutes after the traffic stop, a witness called to say Curtis and Officer Jeffrey Kocab had been shot.

Authorities arrived to find them lying on the ground. Police said Kocab and Curtis, both 31, were pronounced dead at the hospital.

Helicopters, police dogs and dozens of officers in

"We know (the suspects) are armed and extremely dangerous ... We don't know what else they're capable of."

Laura McElroy,
POLICE SPOKESWOMAN

bullet-proof vests searched for the passenger, who is believed to be the shooter. A female who was driving the car was also being sought, Tampa Police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said.

Tampa police said they were searching for Dontae Rashawn Morris, 24, and Cortnee Nicole Brantly, 22, who they described as persons of interest.

Tampa police Chief Jane Castor and Mayor Pam Iorio announced Kocab's death at a news conference at the hospital.

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Successful missile test off Hawaii

The U.S. military says it successfully shot down a short-range ballistic missile in a test off Hawaii.

The test was the latest for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system, which is part of a planned missile defence shield for the United States. Other parts of the network include a floating sea-based radar and interceptors fired from ships.

The THAAD system intercepts targets at higher altitudes, allowing it to defend larger areas than the Patriots.

Second time even luckier

An Ohio autoworker who bought a winning Powerball ticket for his Detroit co-workers has won a lottery jackpot before.

The owner of the Toledo-area store that sold the ticket says William Shanteau won a \$100,000 jackpot about six years ago.

Shanteau and 13 other Chrysler employees, who live in Michigan, hold one of two winning tickets in a \$96.9-million Powerball drawing from last week.

They claimed their prize Monday and chose to take a lump-sum cash payment.

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Spy ring's money man nabbed abroad

► Man was last of 11 suspects to be captured in Russian ring ► Debacle threatens U.S.-Russian relations

A shadowy money man for a Russian spy ring whose members were assigned a decade or more ago to infiltrate American society has been captured overseas, authorities said yesterday. He was the last of 11 suspects named in a huge bust that threatens to tear recently mending relations between the U.S. and Russia.

The 11th suspect, using the name Christopher Metcos and purporting to be a Canadian citizen, was arrested at the Larnaca airport in Cyprus while trying to fly to Budapest, Hungary, police in the Mediterranean island country said. He was later released on bail. Metcos, 54, was among those named in complaints unsealed Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

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I spy...

More details from the spy ring arrest fallout.

- Relations Russia's Foreign Ministry acknowledged yesterday that those arrested included Russian citizens but insisted they did nothing to hurt U.S. interests.
- Subverted? The ministry still angrily denounced the arrests as an unjustified throwback to the Cold War, and senior legislators said some in the U.S. government may be trying to undercut U.S. President Barack Obama.

10 were charged
with conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government without notifying the U.S. attorney general.



► This undated image taken from a Russian website shows a woman journalists have identified as Anna Chapman.

'They came to attack summit': Top T.O. cop

Arrows with flammable tips, bear spray and tire irons were among the weapons seized from G20 protesters intent on wreaking havoc in Toronto, the city's top cop said yesterday.

Chief Bill Blair defended his force amid a storm of controversy over police tactics and the hundreds of arrests made during the summit, and displayed the

cache of seized items — including a chain-mail vest — to support his case.

"They came to attack the summit," Blair told a news conference.

"When they couldn't attack the summit they attacked the city, and they became a mob. A mob is policed a little differently than a lawful, peaceful protest."

Officers cracked down



TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

hard on summit dissent after a group of militant pro-

testers using so-called Black Bloc tactics ran unimpeded down Queen Street West Saturday afternoon. Their trail of vandalism culminated in police cars being set afire at several locations. Among those detained were members of the media, including several who found themselves trapped for hours.

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Weapons

Toronto police Chief Bill Blair showed weapons seized during the G20 weekend.

- Conference At least two items on display — a chainsaw and a crossbow — were not G20 related, Blair conceded.

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A Rolling Stone loses no stars for general

- ▶ War commander will be allowed to retire with four-star rank ▶ Fired after comments made in Rolling Stone

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, fired from his job as commander of the Afghanistan war after more than three decades in the Army, will be allowed to retire at the rank of four stars.

of four stars.
White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said yesterday that the White House will do what it can to ensure McChrystal keeps that rank.

"We now see some areas of progress amidst the tough fight ongoing in Afghanistan. ... Considerable credit for that must go to Stan McChrystal."

**GEN. DAVID PETRAEUS,
WHO WILL TAKE OVER FROM
MCCCHRISTAL AS U.S. COMMANDER
OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR**

Cartels making statement in Mexico

Drug cartels have infiltrated many local and state police forces and staged assaults on army bases in Mexico. Now they're violently inserting themselves into politics, killing the leading candidate for governor of a northern state only days before Sunday's elections in 12 states.

The assassination of politician Rodolfo Torre on Monday capped the deadliest month yet in President Felipe Calderon's military-led offensive against drug traffickers.

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36%

The percentage of people who thought violence had increased because the government is losing the fight against drug cartels, in a recent poll of 1,000 adults.



► Arranging cow dung cakes in Allahabad, India.

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Someone's gotta do it

Villagers arrange cow dung cakes in a pile after drying them in the sun in Allahabad, India, yesterday. Cow dung cakes are a major source of domestic fuel for rural households and an environment friendly alternative to firewood.



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News in brief**Court convicts singer**

THEFT. Michoel Streicher, a noted singer of Jewish music is headed for prison after being convicted of stealing \$36,000 from a New York City woman who says the money was meant to buy Torah scrolls.

Honduras wasn't us: U.S.

COUP. The U.S. Ambassador to Honduras says accusations by former President Manuel Zelaya that the United States was behind the coup that ousted him are "absurd."

U.S. wants to reach out to Venezuela

DIPLOMACY. The U.S. ambassador to Venezuela said yesterday that even though relations with

President Hugo Chavez's government have been complicated, ties could improve with the arrival of a new American diplomat in Caracas. Ambassador Patrick Duddy said that since the start of President Barack Obama's government, "we've been quite clear in our intent to look for a way to improve the relationship, but it has been quite difficult."

"It's time to hang up my nightly suspenders"

TV. Larry King, who has interviewed statesmen and stars from a prime-time perch at CNN for 25 years but has seen his ratings sag recently, said yesterday that he will step down this fall from his nightly show. "It's time to hang up my nightly suspenders," King said in a message sent to fans via Twitter. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Election date set for earthquake-shattered Haiti

► Mandated vote to replace current President Preval will occur last Sunday of November ► Parliament mostly vacant after disastrous earthquake

Haitian President Rene Preval set Nov. 28 as the date voters will choose his successor as leader of the earthquake-shattered Caribbean nation.

The much-anticipated decree setting the election date was signed Tuesday beside Port-au-Prince's collapsed national palace, bearing the signatures of the president, prime minister and Cabinet. Voters will also choose legislators for Haiti's now mostly vacant parliament.

The date itself is not a surprise: Haiti's current constitution mandates elec-

tions be held the last Sunday of November in the fifth year of the president's term.

But opponents had expressed concern that Preval was dragging his feet on holding the election, especially after he signed a decree extending his term by three months if voting was not held on time. That decision was met with protests. He responded by pledging to leave office by Feb. 7, 2011.

Organizing the elections will be no simple task.

The Organization of American States, United

Starting over

Records lost, millions of voters killed in Jan. 12 earthquake

► Council The electoral council's headquarters were destroyed and records lost in the Jan. 12 quake, while millions of voters were either killed,

Nations and others have pledged support for setting up the elections. Officials cite the need for national organization in the rebuilding and continuing efforts

made homeless or displaced. Before the quake Preval's opponents accused him of manipulating the council to benefit his allies and threatened to disrupt elections if the current officials are not replaced. Haiti's constitution does not permit Preval to run again.

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Protest. Panama City**Central American countries at summit**

A demonstrator holds up a sign outside the Sheraton hotel where Central American presidents were meeting in Panama City, yesterday. Representatives from Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and the Dominican Republic are in Panama for the Central America Integration System summit.

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Teen sailor says she's proud of aborted trip

Abby Sunderland faced down moments of terror on the high seas after her boat was rolled over by a huge wave as she tried to become the youngest person to sail around the world.

Still, the 16-year-old

said yesterday she was proud of her effort, hoped it might inspire others and wasn't ready to abandon sailing.

In her first statements since returning home Monday, Sunderland said she was below deck work-

ing on her boat Wild Eyes as a fierce storm was letting up in the Indian Ocean.

"I was hit by a rogue wave once the storm was already dying down," she said. "I didn't have a lot of warning."

Sunderland had just spoken to her family by satellite phone when the wave knocked over the 40-foot boat and sent her tumbling in its hold.

She hit her head, and "things went black for a second," she said.

When she regained consciousness and rushed to the deck, she found a one-inch fibreglass stump where the mast once stood. Back in the hold, she tested the engine she had just repaired. It would not start.

Sunderland set off her emergency beacons and waited. She was amazed when a plane dispatched from Australia to find her flew overhead the next day. Two days later a fishing boat arrived.

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Britain's coalition on the brink already?

- Vote shows crack in union between Tories and Liberal Democrats
- Coalition faces uncertain future

Is the honeymoon over for Britain's unlikely political marriage?

Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government, forged between his Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats is showing the first signs of strain, less than two months after taking office following an inconclusive election.

Two Liberal Democrat legislators voted against a key plank of the coalition's austerity budget, which will deliver tax hikes, sweeping cuts to welfare and the toughest reductions in public spending in decades.

With a recent poll showing that the Liberal Democrats, led by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, have rapidly lost support since teaming up with Cameron, some analysts question if Britain's coalition can hold.

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Rep by pop

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg is in favour of European-style proportional representation.

- **Boost.** His party would receive a boost in House of Commons seats in such a system.
- **Coalitions.** It would also make coalition governments more common.
- **No date set.** Clegg has not set a date for the proposed referendum on the issue of whether to adopt a new voting system.

40 David Cameron's Conservative party has 40 per cent support in a new ComRes poll published yesterday.



► British Prime Minister David Cameron in his first direct question-and-answer session yesterday.

Circumcision deaths 'unacceptable': Official

South African health officials say they are alarmed by the rise in deaths among men who have had botched traditional circumcisions after 39 young men died in the last month after undergoing the rite of passage into manhood.

Health officials estimated yesterday that as many as six young men have died every weekend in the past few weeks and more than 120 young men are in hospitals nursing their

"While we accept and respect the right of people to practice their traditions, this has to be done within the context of acceptable health norms and standards so that we can prevent such deaths."

PRECIOUS MATOSO,
NATIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT CHIEF

botched wounds. Eastern Cape provincial health department spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said the practice is common in the province.

Kupelo said 91 newly

circumcised men died last year alone, and of those 56 occurred during midyear school holidays.

He said five traditional surgeons have been arrested since the beginning of

June. He said the government in the Eastern Cape has prohibited the practice in some areas where circumcision deaths have been particularly high.

National health department chief Precious Matoso said the health department considered the situation to be "unacceptable."

She added, "While we accept and respect the right of people to practice their traditions, this has to

be done within the context of acceptable health norms and standards so that we can prevent such deaths."

Circumcision is practiced in several communities in South Africa, and also across Africa. The practice has gained popularity in previous years because scientists think circumcision reduces the chances of HIV infection because the foreskin is particularly susceptible to HIV.

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Traditions

South African boys generally undergo circumcision rites at age 18.

- **Procedure.** A traditional leader performs the procedure outdoors, using a spear to remove the foreskin.

- **Danger.** Health officials say the practice is unsanitary and could lead to amputation or even death.

Mexico lifts swine flu alert

The government of Mexico lifted the alert for swine flu yesterday, officially ending the health emergency in the country where the illness first appeared 14 months ago.

Secretary of Health Jose Angel Cordova said that as

recently as October, 90 per cent of influenza cases in Mexico were swine flu.

But by May, it was down to 10 per cent, the rest being cases of seasonal influenza virus that is less contagious.

Cordova said Mexico's government will keep monitoring flu cases even with the lifting of the alert.

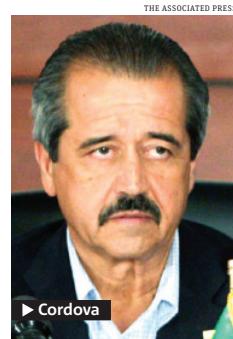
The alert allowed officials to accelerate purchases of medicine to confront the virus.

With the alert lifted, the process for obtaining medicine returns to normal.

Some 27 million people in Mexico have been vaccinated against the virus.

Swine flu has declined in recent months around the world, after 17,800 deaths in more than 200 countries. In Mexico, 72,546 infections and 1,289 fatalities have been registered since the outbreak was detected in April 2009.

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Philippines prez to be sworn in today

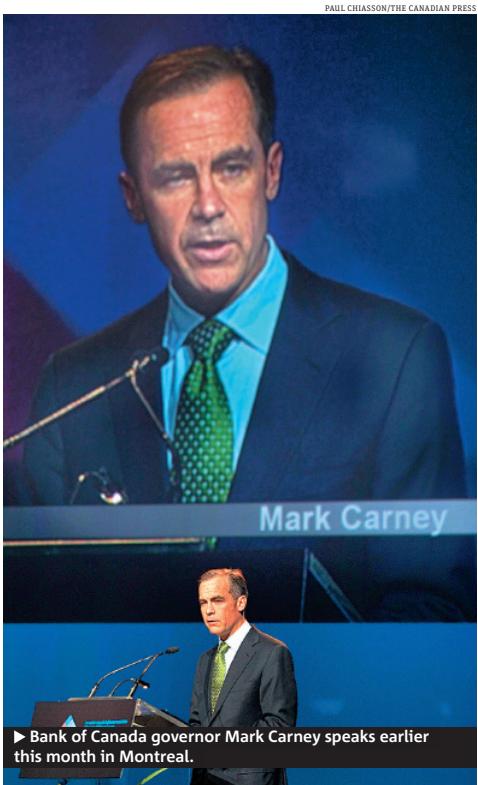
Benigno Aquino III will take his oath as the Philippines' 15th president today, promising change in a Southeast Asian nation long shackled by poverty, corruption and armed conflicts.

More than 1,000 police officers have been de-

ployed to secure his inauguration at Manila's seaside Rizal Park, which was designated a no-fly zone.

Up to one million people may show up for the historic event, metropolitan Manila police chief Roberto Rosales said.

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Bank boss gets nod from abroad

► Head of central bank appointed to global financial watchdog

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney's star keeps rising in international circles.

The 45-year-old former Goldman Sachs executive has been appointed chair of the Committee on the Global Financial System, a position held by Donald Kohn of the U.S. Federal Reserve system the past three years.

The committee — part of the Bank of International Settlements — is responsible for identifying potential sources of stress in global financial markets and to promote reforms.

The three-year appointment takes effect Thursday. Carney became the second youngest central banker in Canadian history two-and-a-half years ago, and has been vocal at international finance meetings about the need to reform the global banking system.

His performance in steering Canadian monetary policy through the recent economic downturn, and his advocacy for reform both at home and internationally hasn't gone unnoticed.

"Canada has been through a tough economic period and the governor has scored high marks in responding to it."

CIBC CHIEF ECONOMIST
AVERY SHENFELD

In April, Time magazine put Carney on the list of the world's 25 "most influential" leaders, the only central banker to make the grade.

The magazine highlighted his determination to stay focused on the causes of the financial crisis, while pushing back on proposals for a global bank tax, which Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty successfully fended off at the G20 summit over the weekend.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said the latest appointment for Carney is both personal and a recognition of Canada's growing stature as a nation with sound regulatory oversight of its financial sector.

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Consumer confidence stagnates in June

Even ordinary Canadians have noticed the economy is not recovering as many hoped it would.

In Canada, consumers expressed increased pessimism on all four measurements in the index — current finances, future finances, employment expectations and purchase intentions.

"The drop cancels out all the gains realized in May," said the Conference Board, an Ottawa-based think-tank. "However, the pessimism is not spread

across the country. The drop in confidence was concentrated in two regions (Ontario and British Columbia), while the re-

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The Conference Board says its consumer confidence index fell 5.7 points this month and now sits 13 points below where it stood at the beginning of the year.

mainder of the country fared much better."

The drop in the index reflected more cautious economic data in the past month or so after six months of robust growth.

Recently, Statistics Canada and other economic watchers have reported sharp drop-offs in the growth of housing, auto sales and exports, along with lower employment growth as well as outright declines in wholesale and retail sales.

Leaders at last week-

end's G20 summit broadly agreed on policies they say will set the world on a path to more balanced and sustained growth. But markets were not impressed the day after the summit Monday, and were outright nervous yesterday.

Conference Board economist Todd Crawford said some consumers in Canada may have become more pessimistic because of the barrage of negative news over the European debt crisis.

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News in brief

Steel firm to appeal ruling

INDUSTRY. United States Steel Corp. says it will challenge the Federal Court of Canada's decision to uphold the Investment Canada Act.

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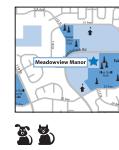
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LIFE'S GRIND – IT'S JOURNEY THAT COUNTS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Here's to Sebastian Albrecht, who set a record this week for climbing the Grouse Grind 14 times.

Everyone in Vancouver knows about the grind. It's called "Nature's Stairmaster" and it's basically a path up the side of Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver, a vertical ascent of 2.9 kilometres. And it's tough, man.

Sebastian Albrecht is tougher. He started at 6:30 Monday morning and finished at 11 p.m., eclipsing his old record of 13. Presumably, next year he will have a go at 15.

You're probably thinking Sebastian Albrecht is nuts. Why doesn't he just bang his head against the wall? It feels just as good when you stop?

But I understand. For the past 33 years, I've run marathons, which are 42-kilometre road races. I have survived more than 20 of these horizontal grinds and have trained thousands of miles around the world. I've left a trail of sweat on the cobblestones of Paris, run rings around the plane trees of Hyde Park, left footprints on the sand of countless beaches, and at one point, ran (as fast as I could) through the homes of East L.A.

"I could feel the warmth of the sun on my head; I could smell the flowers; I could see what was going on around me."

For guys like Sebastian and me, the point is there is no point. It's the journey that counts. At the end, we look back at the miles we've logged and feel a sense of accomplishment, but the real benefits are found along the way. Two-thirds of North Americans are overweight. It's hard to be overweight when you climb 2.9 kilometres times 14, or run 42 kilometres. Then there's that runner's high, which happens when you stop.

You just put one foot in front of the other and go. It's ideal for people who can't do the Macarena, i.e. me.

Normally, I would celebrate Sebastian Albrecht's achievement in the usual way — go for a 20km run. But I did something unusual the other day. I went for a walk. Instead of running through the world, I walked in it — and it was a revelation.

I could feel the warmth of the sun on my head; I could smell the flowers; I could see what was going on around me. Normally, when I run, the rest of the world is stuff that gets in the way. People are pylons.

As Arsenio Hall used to say, it makes you go hmmmm. Maybe I've been running ... away. Maybe it's time to stop and ask what I'm running from instead of what I'm running for. Just drop the M and shuffle the O and R. It changes everything.

Maybe Sebastian is nuts after all.

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Noteworthy

Octopus goes out on eight limbs

Octopus oracle Paul hesitated, but ultimately picked Germany to win — again — this time over Argentina in their quarter-final matchup at the World Cup Saturday.

Paul rose to global fame after he correctly predicted

all four of Germany's games in this year's tournament.

Sea Life Aquarium spokeswoman Tanja Munziger in the German city of Oberhausen said Paul took about an hour before he approached a water glass in his aquarium containing a mussel and marked with a Germany flag.

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Society bears the cost

Letters & Tweets

TORONTO. I live in Toronto, but was not part of the G20 protests. Watching the media coverage, I am wondering whether or not I should have been.

Our civil rights are defined by what happens in a crisis. Without a crisis, there isn't any social cost to civil rights.

Civil rights exist to limit what can be done during a crisis. The point of civil rights is that on certain issues, society must bear the cost.

It's easy to let someone have a slice of bread when you're sitting on a mountain of loaves. But you can't say that person has a right to bread until you're

The blue wall



down to the last slice, and you either hand it over or don't.

After all, what use are civil rights that can be violated when you actually need them? Saying you have civil rights so long as you don't need them — or don't use them — is the same as saying you don't have them.

Finally, the assault on civil rights that occurred

in Toronto over the G20 summit was not the fault of the individual police officers present. Or, at least, it was not their fault in general terms.

To lay appropriate blame, we need to know exactly who was giving the officers their orders. Those are the people we should be protesting about.

DANIEL J. BISHOP

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► Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart return for The Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Eclipse of the heart

► Latest instalment in Twilight movie franchise is the best yet ► New Director David Slade ups the action ► Vampires and werewolves must work together to protect Bella

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Screentimes

The third film in the Twilight series — out of an eventual five — is the best to date, but that's faint praise considering the previous two instalments, *Twilight* and *New Moon*.

The main cast's continued work in their now-iconic characters as well as new director David Slade's camera work make *Eclipse* a marked improvement, but the film is stunted by its source material. The lesson here appears to be that practice sometimes makes mediocre.

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blood, since these vampires are PG-13. With the threat of a growing army of newborn vampires (which are more vicious,

we're told) amassing to threaten the life of mopey protagonist Bella (Kristen Stewart), the other two corners of her love triangle, vampire Edward (Robert Pattinson) and wolf-boy Jacob (Taylor Lautner), have to try to get along and convince their respective communities to work together. All the while, Bella and Edward debate the life decision she made at the end of the last film — to become a vampire — in what's basically the exact opposite of dramatic tension.

There are a few bright spots, including some all-too-brief diversions into the backstories of a pair of Cullen vampires, Rosalie (Nikki



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art has quietly been doing some impressive work as Bella. While some might write off her performance as half-asleep, she's actually showing remarkable restraint, holding back to avoid the dialogue's overwrought romance-novel nature. If only Taylor Lautner had such skill.

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Crisis, clubs and creativity

- Scissor Sisters released its third studio album, *Night Work*, this week.
- It has been four years in the making but it has been worth the wait.

 LOUISE THYE-HENRIKSEN
METRO WORLD NEWS

On the table is a large see-through plastic bottle. A thick yellow liquid ripples when Jake Shears puts it down on the table. The unmistakable lead singer in Scissor Sisters with the large blue eyes and the always brash, happy clothes contorts his face.

"It's a pretty disgusting banana-flavoured protein shake," says the 31-year-old Shears.

He has to be ready to conquer the world with disco rhythms and dance pop, because Scissor Sisters have just released its eagerly-awaited album *Night Work*.

"We just wanted to release a good album and sometimes it just takes a long time to make something good," Shears said.

It took almost four years. Actually it was so hard for the band they threw out two almost-finished albums.

"I didn't feel like releas-

"We wrote *Night Work* in a couple of months last summer, and it happened really fast. And that's how it should be. We had so much fun making it, and then we realised that it felt right."

JAKE SHEARS



► Jake Shears of the Scissor Sisters moved to Berlin to get inspiration for his new album

ing an album just to release something. I wasn't sure what it was all about or what the message was. So it was better just to throw it all out and start over," Shears said.

The dance-happy sisters were bored with their routines. The band wanted something new to happen, so lead singer and songwriter Shears fled from New York to Berlin to get some new inspiration and to have fun.

"I could feel that something had to happen. If I continued to sit in the studio every day feeling weighed down we would never make a good album," Shears said.

"In the end I felt like an old lady! I was 30-years-old and hadn't been out on an adventure

Scissor Sisters

The band consists of lead singer Jake Shears, lead singer Ana Matronic, bass player and keyboard player 'Babyp daddy' (Scott Hoffman) and guitar player Del Marquis.

Scissor Sisters formed in 2001 and sprung from New York's club scene and gay

since I was a 21-year-old backpacker."

Shears settled down in a "shitty" flat in the Kreuzberg area and for a few months he invaded the city's night clubs and networked with other musicians such as Joel Gibb from Hidden Cameras, Ru-

milieu.

They play a mixture of disco, glam rock and party-like pop music with obvious inspiration from bands such as Abba and the Bee Gees.

In 2004 they released the album Scissor Sisters with tracks Take Your Mama and Laura. In 2006 came the album, Ta-Dah with super hit I Don't Feel Like Dancing.

fus Wainwright and Olof Dreijer from The Knife.

"It was fantastic, there was so much creativity and loads of interesting people to hang out with," Shears said.

And when he returned to New York he had a rucksack full of inspiration.



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Story of Love Ranch stranger than fiction

- Helen Mirren teams with director husband for brother-boxing drama

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A stranger-than-fiction real-life story gets a less-than-compelling dramatic treatment in *Love Ranch*, which marks the first time that director Taylor Hackford has worked with wife Helen Mirren since 1985's *White Nights*.

Mirren plays Grace Contempo, the part-owner and full-time madam of the titular establishment, a modest — and legal — Nevada brothel circa 1976. Grace's husband Charlie (Joe Pesci) delights in taunting anybody who impugns his legitimate house of ill repute.

Charlie decides to finance the comeback of a semi-washed-up boxer, Bruza, (Sergio Peris-Mencheta), whom he thinks can eventually topple Muhammad Ali — and

who quite unexpectedly takes a shine to Grace, who has been employed as his manager.

Believe it or not, the Contempos are stand-ins for a real-life couple: Joe and Helen Conforte, whose stewardship of the Mustang Ranch in Reno ended in headline-grabbing scandal in 1976. But the action still feels implausible, particularly the rushed, strangely perfunctory romance between Grace and Bruza.

Mirren commits to her part, but can't redeem the thudding obviousness of the character's arc, while Peris-Mencheta is defeated by the sentimental demands of his noble-bruiser role.

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Carell is ready to clean out his desk

Following seven successful seasons, The Office star is resigning from the NBC workplace comedy next year

Can Dunder Mifflin keep the lights on if actor Steve Carell leaves The Office after next season?

Carell, who plays dunder-headed regional manager Michael Scott on NBC's popular workplace comedy, has been voicing plans to resign his starring role and clean out his desk a year from now.

"When I first signed on, I had a contract for seven seasons, and this coming year is my seventh," he told E! News last weekend. "I just thought it was time for my character to go."

Of course, if this were actually the first move in a game to wangle a sweet new deal, Carell wouldn't be the first actor to try it. (Paging Charlie Sheen!)

On the other hand, Carell has juggled an active if uneven film career with



► Actor Steve Carell

his regular duties on The Office since its premiere. He recently starred with Tina Fey in the comedy feature Date Night, and many of his comments on his TV future were voiced while publicizing his latest release, the animated comedy Despicable Me.

Now maybe he's truly

ready to concentrate on movies. And maybe he's got the box-office juice to pull it off.

Also, as he told Entertainment Weekly, "I just want to spend more time with my family." (In February, he told The Associated Press, "I would like for my kids to at least have some familiarity with who I am: 'It's the man from TV!'")

That may all be hunkydory for Carell. But whither The Office and the viewers who love it?

Adapted from the original, British "mockumentary" series starring and co-created by Ricky Gervais, NBC's The Office was transplanted to U.S. soil in the city of Scranton, Pa., site of a regional office of the Dunder Mifflin paper company.

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Cooking up a recipe for a magical story

► Aimee Bender's new novel, 'The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake,' follows a young girl who suddenly discovers she can feel what she eats

 DOROTHY ROBINSON
METRO WORLD NEWS

In Aimee Bender's beautifully titled book, *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake*, the main character, Rose, has a special (if not debilitating) gift. Every bite of food she takes, she tastes the emotions of the preparer — be it a machine, a chef, a cook, or, especially harrowing, her own mother. How did she come up with that plot twist? Bender shared some food for thought.

It's always been known that writing in the voice of a young child is hard, and yet you do so with Rose when she is nine and discovers her gift when she eats her mother's lemon



► Author Aimee Bender

spective and at once in a young adult's perspective. That's my way of cheating.

People use the term "magical realism" to

describe your writing. Do you agree with that designation?

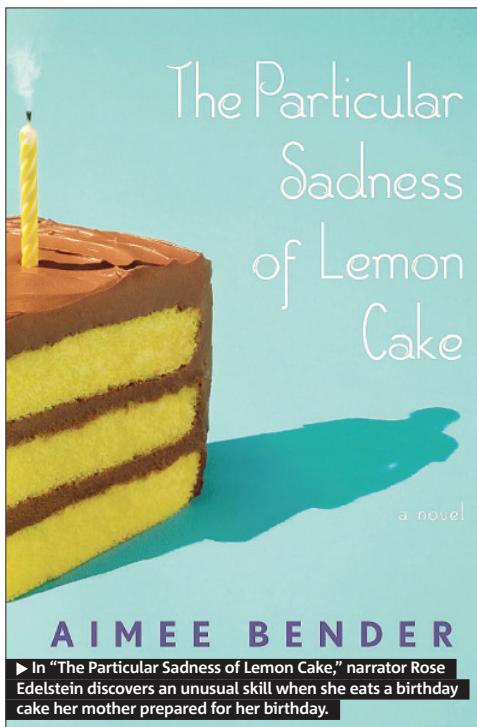
I'm fine with that term. But the terms keep shifting! It can be magical realism and maybe it's fabulism or slipstreams. It's like watching the clouds go by [laughs]. But I'm happy to take them all or none or whatever.

How would you describe your work, then?

I guess I say there's something off-kilter or it's a skewed world or that I go through a side door. But sometimes I'll say magical realism. I do think magical realism is done in a more epic sweep and (my work) is more of a microscopic lens.

How did you get the idea of Rose's gift?

I think I was toying with what might be in food besides food. And what might be carried from



AIMEE BENDER

► In "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake," narrator Rose Edelstein discovers an unusual skill when she eats a birthday cake her mother prepared for her birthday.

one person to another? It had shown up a few different times [in my writing]. One friend said something about feelings as something to digest and that made a correlation in my mind.

Do you like to cook?
I really like to cook. But I'm not a particularly proficient cook.

So, no lemon cake?
I don't bake much. I tend toward the savory.



Creepy or funny?

► Author David Bickel captures the 'unintentionally creepy' aspects of everyday life ► Who was actually too much of a 'creeposity' to include

 MADELINE REDDINGTON
METRO WORLD NEWS

Sometimes things are just creepy. They aren't exactly scary, but they just don't feel right — store mannequins with faces that look a little bit too real, or that person next to you on the subway who either has a Bluetooth hidden somewhere or is having conversations with invisible people.

With his first book, *Creeposity: A Hilarious Guide to the Unintentionally Creepy*, TV writer and producer David Bickel provides the final word on all things creepy.

"I first got the idea for the concept when I was a little kid," he says. "My mother had one of those

"My mother had one of those Styrofoam wig heads, and it always creeped me out."

DAVID BICKEL

Styrofoam wig heads, and it always creeped me out."

From grown men who wear Boy Scout uniforms to squirrels that look at you for a bit too long, Bickel

el is an expert in all things creepy and hilarious. Plus, the Facebook page and website for Creeposity have tons of fan submissions.

"Everybody has things that they see as creepy," Bickel reasons. "Now, it's OK to say it out loud!"

The one creeposity that he couldn't include was Michael Jackson, who died while Bickel was putting

the book together.

"I've met him," Bickel says. "I had an hour-and-a-half meeting with him once, and it was magical, fascinating. You're sitting there with Michael Jackson, it's crazy. He's got a piece of Scotch tape to hold his nose on — it was everything you wanted it to be. But there's no denying — maybe the creepiest person of all time."



Monocles

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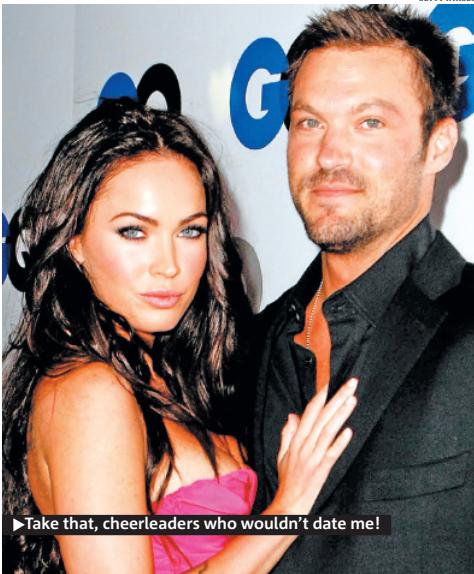
Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green were married last week during a top-secret wedding ceremony in Hawaii, according to Star magazine. "They had a fairly large wedding, but there were clearly more security people than guests," a source says. "They had so many security people that they had to call in local security because the hotel security alone wouldn't do. It was very hush hush. Everyone was sworn to secrecy." The couple tied the knot at the Four Seasons Hualalai on Hawaii's big island, and they're reportedly still at

the hotel celebrating their honeymoon.

Wedding bell speculation ran rampant last week, after several media sources reported that the former 90210 star had flubbed his proposal to the beautiful starlet by dropping her 2-karat engagement ring in the sand. The couple had initially traveled to Hawaii to attend the wedding of Green's former co-star Ian Ziering.

This is the second marriage attempt for the on-off pair: they called off their first engagement in 2009.

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► Take that, cheerleaders who wouldn't date me!

Official curb-kicking of Jesse James now complete

Sandra Bullock's marriage to Jesse James is officially over, according to TMZ.



► This space is a cheater-free zone

Sources tell the website that both parties signed papers last week in Texas. Bullock in April, their marriage "has become insupportable because of

that make the divorce final. According to the divorce papers filed by discord or conflict of personalities."

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Wolves only, please

Though her character may choose a vampire over a werewolf in the Twilight series, Kristen Stewart knows which creature she prefers in real life. The actress' family keeps wolf

dog hybrids as pets, she revealed to David Letterman. "He's really sweet. He, like, falls at my feet," she says of the family's oldest pet, Jack.

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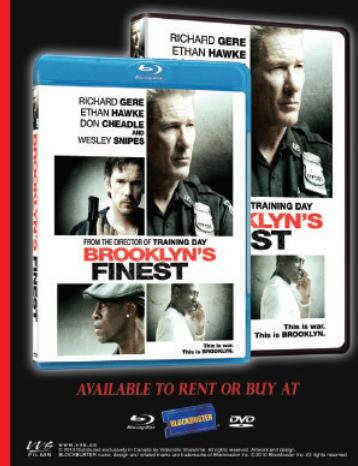
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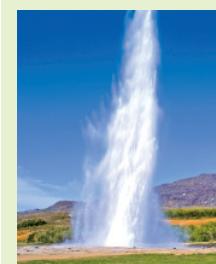
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Do like the locals do: Reykjavik's thermal pools contain a minimal amount of chemicals, meaning that the city maintains a strict protocol on pre-swim procedures. The biggest warning — you must shower naked before getting into the pool. Check out the step-by-step guide provided at visitreykjavik.is.
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Fire and ice shows in Iceland



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Earlier this year, as most of us remember, Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano erupted, spewing ash all over this small island nation and creating a massive cloud that closed airports and grounded flights all over Europe,

While it was an extraordinary situation, volcanic eruptions and intense geothermal activity are business as usual in Iceland — which routinely puts on a beautiful but sometimes dangerous display of fire and ice.

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Start your adventures at ground zero — Pingvellir National Park, the only place on earth where you can see the steady migration of the Eurasian plates. The movement has created massive cracks in the earth, dramatic cliffs, and an ever-widening rift valley that sinks by two centimetres every year.

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After that, head to the boiling geothermal area that includes Geysir and

Strokkur, two active geysers. Other hot springs can be found all over Iceland, but the biggest is Deildartunguhver, the largest in Europe, flowing at a rate of 180 litres per second — turning all the water in the area (from river to hot pots) into a seething, steaming expanse.

WONDER FALLS

Iceland is home to some of the most gorgeous waterfalls in the world. North of Reykjavik,

Hraunfossar, which means literally lava falls, is a series of flossy-white

which flow directly out of a jet-black lava

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glacial waterfall that often creates a complete rainbow at its base.

HOT, EVEN AT NIGHT

Not all of Reykjavik's heat is found in pools. The city's nightlife has become legendary, and it's widely regarded as one of the world's best party destinations—especially in the summer, when the midnight sun shines.

On the weekend, things don't get cranked up until after midnight, and many bars stay open until six in the morning. Don't miss Kaffibarinn, a mega-popular club part-owned by Gorillaz frontman Damon Albarn, NASA, the city's largest dance club, or Boston, where the party goes all night long.



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► Michael Jackson, from his days as part of The Jackson 5

Motown memories

- Detroit museum honouring Jackson 5 on anniversary of MJ's death
- Having sold over 100 million records, they're second only to the Beatles

A Jackson 5 exhibit is now on view at the Motown Historical Museum in Detroit, marking the one-year anniversary this week of Michael Jackson's death.

Photographs, awards and costumes are all on

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display in the show, which

opened yesterday.

Museum chief curator Lina Stephens says the exhibit celebrates the life of Jackson and acknowledges the Jackson 5's "contribution to the Motown story."

Jackson died June 25,

2009. The circumstances surrounding his death still remain a mystery.

You can find out more information about the display at motownmuseum.com.

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Pittsburgh theme park receiving tall praise

For a city built on steel, some of the most sought-after attractions in Pittsburgh are actually made of wood.

Just ask the more than 400 members of the American Coaster Enthusiasts, who have come to Kennywood amusement park for the 7,000-member group's annual convention. The highlight will be riding three of the oldest wooden roller-coasters in the world — over, and over, and over again.

"There are very few, maybe no places, in the world quite like it," said Bill Linkenheimer, the group's secretary.

It marks the first time the American Coaster Enthusiasts will honour two coasters at one park with plaques designating them ACE Roller Coaster Landmarks.

The rides — the Jack Rabbit and the Racer — were both built of wood in the 1920s by coaster designer John Miller. The



► Racer coaster

Jack Rabbit is known for its 21-metre double-dip drop, while the Racer is the only single-track racing coaster in the U.S. left

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Opera singer taps into passion for beer

Canada lost a budding opera singer when Mirella Amato switched careers to become a beer sommelier.

Four years ago, while living in Naples, Italy, the Toronto soprano had to make a choice between spending all her time overseas performing or returning to Canada.

She chose the latter so that she could pursue her desire to learn as much as possible about craft beer.

The term "craft beer" is used to describe beer made by relatively small, independent breweries using traditional methods.

"Beer was already a passion for me," says Amato, 35, and was very much a hobby she was involved in.

She had learned valuable freelance and performance skills as an opera singer, and she says she carried those into her new calling.

Amato says she spent that first year in 2006 exploring the beer industry, talking to brewers, taking courses, reading books and magazines and learning as much as possible about the local business.

"At the end of that year it became clear that the best thing I could do was spread the word and help people discover the huge variety of brews and their flavours," she says.

Amato also joined the Canadian Amateur Brewers Association and began working toward certification as a beer judge in 2007.

"Besides judging, my other work is aimed at getting people excited about small-batch beer and providing the tools for them to navigate the selections and start exploring."

Amato is focusing her attention on beer tastings and food pairings. "And I am also adding staff training and consulting to my business," she says.

In September, the bilin-



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"My passion for craft beer stems from the fact that I like to shop locally and support small businesses."

MIRELLA AMATO, BEER SOMMELIER

gual Amato who has a French-Canadian-Italian background, will be teaching a two-year brewmaster program at Niagara College in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

"I will be giving courses on sensory evaluation and teaching about the rich history, chemistry and biology of beer," says the graduate of Montreal's McGill University.

As a certified judge, Amato has participated in a number of competitions including the Ontario Brewing Awards, the Canadian International Beer Championship and homebrew competitions in Canada and abroad.

She writes regular columns for the beer magazine TAPS and the Great Lakes Brewing News.

"My passion for craft beer stems from the fact that I like to shop locally and support small businesses," Amato says.

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It's Mr. ham & cheese

► Sourdough bread sets the stage for this decadent open-faced croque monsieur with tomato sandwich. ► What's more, basil leaves make it summer fresh!

Ingredients:

- 4 slices sourdough bread
- 2 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 cup finely grated Emmenthal or Gruyere cheese
- 4 slices black forest ham
- 8 basil leaves
- 4 small tomatoes, sliced

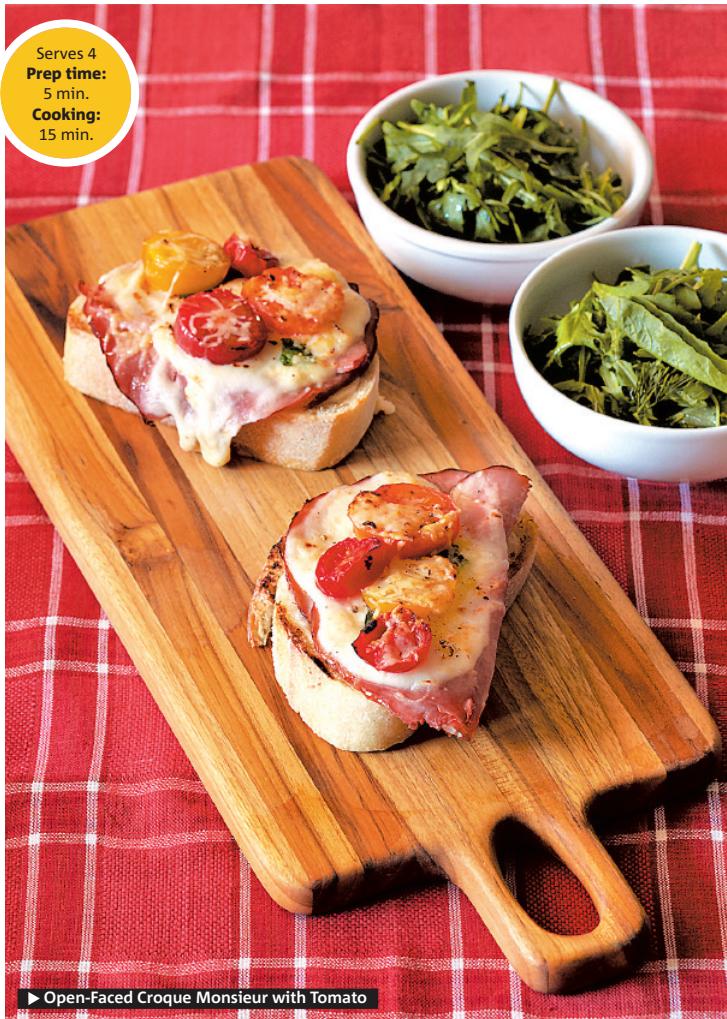
Serves 4
Prep time:
5 min.
Cooking:
15 min.

Preparation:

- 1 Preheat oven to 400°F.
- 2 Arrange bread in a single layer on a rimmed sheet pan and toast in oven, flipping once, until golden brown, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat, keep toast on sheet pan and set aside. Preheat broiler to high.
- 3 Meanwhile, in a saucepan set over medium heat, melt butter. Add flour and nutmeg and stir with a wooden spoon for 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk and cook, stirring, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens, about 2 minutes. Add 1/2 cup cheese, stir well and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- 4 Spread a thin layer of cheese sauce (about 1 tablespoon) over each slice of toast.
- 5 Cover with a slice of ham, followed by another even layer (about 3 tablespoons) of cheese sauce. Arrange basil and tomato slices on top of cheese sauce, season tomatoes with salt and

pepper and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

- 6 Place under broiler, 6 inches from heat and cook until sauce is bubbling and cheese is golden brown, about 6 to 8 minutes.



► Open-Faced Croque Monsieur with Tomato

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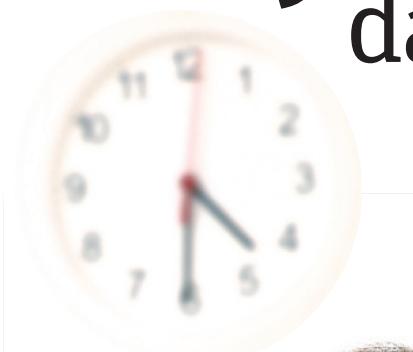


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Since the days of squawking modems and AOL trial runs, the Internet has been credited with fantastic gains in workplace productivity —but what about gains in counter-productivity?

For all its wonders, isn't the technology equally responsible for countless daytime hours squandered scrolling through status updates and comment sections?

Research on whether office Internet access encourages procrastination is surprisingly mixed. Last year, a University of Melbourne study found that nine-to-fivers who spent around a fifth of their workday browsing for leisure were actually more productive than those who didn't.

But according to Dr. Tim Pychyl, a time management

Quoted:

"If you get to a point where your use of the Internet is keeping you at your desk too long, or is interfering with relationships, or is causing you to miss deadlines, then that's a problem."

DR. TIM PYCHYL

researcher at the University of Ottawa, it's clear that for the procrastination-prone dawdling among us, the Internet is a raging beehive of distractions.

"If you get to a point where your use of the Internet is keeping you at your desk too long, or is interfering with relationships, or is causing you to miss deadlines, then that's a problem," he warns.

You may be so busy self-

Googling that you're not even aware of it.

"When you're at your computer, you feel like you're working," notes Generation Y career guide Lindsey Pollak. "So even if you're playing on Facebook or online shopping, you can almost trick yourself into thinking you're not procrastinating."

To cut down on dilly-dallying, researchers recommend "batching" your leisure browsing into one 20-minute binge every hour or two.

"I'll work straight for an hour, and at the end of that hour, I'll batch all my Facebook checking, Twitter and whatever I need to do for 15-20 minutes," Pollak offers.

And once the 20 minutes are up? Quit the browser, turn off the AirPort Card, even unplug the Ethernet cable and tie it into a Gideon's knot if necessary.

"Get as radical as you need to be," Pollak suggests.



Take a break

"It's healthy to take breaks, to get up, walk around, get something to eat, then check Facebook," Pollak says. "There's a huge benefit of walking around and chatting with people, and that's almost becoming a lost art."

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C-Students take heed

► Do good grades in college mean huge success later in life? ► What Vonnegut and Gates have in common

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In 1984, a team of researchers led by Cleveland State professor Gordon E. Samson combed through 35 independent studies and found very little, if any, correlation between GPA and "income, job satisfaction and effectiveness."

Educators have been scratching their heads ever since. A great many studies have since been commissioned on this topic and, while findings vary some,

"It's a high degree of motivation, formed by a conscious decision. That's what Colin Powell had."

AUTHOR JEFFREY J. MATTHEWS

what, no one has found a very strong correlation between grades or success after college.

This may provide a ray of hope to students currently making up a course in summer school. Kurt Vonnegut, Bill Gates, Woody Allen and Colin Powell were all in your shoes too. And there's plenty more.

La Salle University professor Dr. Katie Neary Dunleavy, who studies the classroom behaviour of students and professors, says it's all about what experts in her field refer to as "learning orientation versus grade orientation."

"The (heavily learning-oriented) student probably won't use a study guide ... But, they are great to speak with interpersonally, they often have more of a grasp on the ideas in class."



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Vonnegut on grades



Kurt Vonnegut

- Kurt Vonnegut, notorious for underachieving as a college student, often graded his novels in interviews and in print. In his collection of essays, *Palm Sunday*, he provides his own literary report card. Here are just a few:
 - Player Piano: B
 - Slaughterhouse-Five: A+
 - Breakfast of Champions: C
 - Palm Sunday: C
 - "This is much better than I ever did in college," Vonnegut told Charlie Rose in a 1996 interview. "How well did you do?"
 - "Not that good," replied Rose.

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Just days before her planned vacation, Janet Williamson found herself in a pickle. She was summoned to a meeting and told that if she took her vacation as planned, she would lose her job.

Williamson, a health-care worker at the Ritz

Lutheran Villa, a retirement home in Mitchell, Ont., had agreed to join an 87-year-old resident on a Mediterranean cruise when the resident's partner cancelled the last minute before their trip. Williamson received approval for the time off and agreed to step in.

However, a few days before the cruise,

Williamson was called to a meeting with a newly appointed CEO and told that her plans were a violation of her employer's policy on accepting gifts from residents and given an ultimatum: If she went on the trip, she would be fired.

She went still.

Williamson returned to a letter of termination. Believing her actions were justified, she sued. Recently, she won her case. The judge found that the Villa was convinced this was a conflict of interest, without regard to what its policies actually stated and had resorted to relying on its policy in a "cascade of excuses" to justify its decision. Further, the judge said that Williamson was not guilty of insubordination or disobedience because the Villa's directives were unreasonable. Despite knowing about the cruise for weeks, it waited until the last minute to raise its concerns.

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Villa sinks Portugal

► Spanish star scores winner off rebound late in the contest ► Ronaldo fails to spark offence for Portugal ► Spain now faces Paraguay



► Spain's David Villa scores his side's only goal past Portugal's Eduardo.

David Villa finished off a move of Spanish perfection to finally break down Portugal's defensive wall yesterday, giving the European champions a 1-0 win and a spot in the World Cup quarter-finals.

Villa scored his fourth goal of the tournament in the 63rd minute, while Cristiano Ronaldo again failed to inspire Portugal.

"It was one of my best goals because it got us through to the next round," Villa said. "Keep scoring so we can keep going."

Portugal's only defen-

sive weakness had been on its right flank, where Ricardo Costa struggled. He was sent off for elbowing Joan Capdevila in the 89th minute, stifling a late Portuguese drive.

"The match was extremely intense," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "In the second half, we were better than Portugal. We had greater depth in our play, and we controlled the game very well."

Spain will now play Paraguay in the quarter-finals Saturday at Ellis Park.

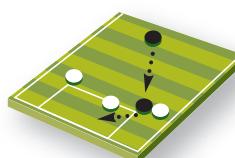
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The lone goal

David Villa's late marker proved to be the winner.

A trademark Spanish passing move found Andres Iniesta in the centre. He flicked the ball through to Xavi Hernandez, who back-heeled to Villa, who was bordering on being offside as he charged in on the left.

Villa saw his first shot blocked by Portugal goalkeeper Eduardo, but on the rebound, he coolly



slotted home with his right foot.

Goal: Spain, David Villa 4, 63rd minute.

Shots: Spain: 19; Portugal: 9.

Yellow Cards: Spain: Xabi Alonso (74th); Portugal: Tiago (80th).

Red Cards: Portugal: Ricardo Costa (89th).

Offsides: Spain: 0; Portugal: 3.

Fouls: Spain: 13; Portugal: 18.

Historic victory for Paraguay

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The Paraguayans have conceded only one goal, against Italy in the first round. On the flip side, their strikers have yet to record a goal in four games at the World Cup.



► Oscar Cardozo celebrates his goal in penalty kicks.

The last thing Paraguay wanted was to wind up in a shootout with Japan. After all, the South Americans almost never practise penalty kicks — or have any success when they do.

Yet Paraguay took the most difficult route to its first World Cup quarter-finals yesterday. After 120 exhausting minutes without

scoring, the Paraguayans found their touch in penalty kicks, making all five to beat Japan.

Oscar Cardozo clinched the 5-3 shootout win after a 0-0 draw with a low left-footed drive past goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima. The only miss in the shootout was by Japanese defender Yuichi Komano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Can South American sweep be stopped?

A final four fiesta at the World Cup. Why not?

The first South American semifinal sweep could unfold if Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay all win their quarter-finals. European powers Spain, Germany and Netherlands and lone African survivor Ghana are out to make sure that doesn't happen.

Four multiple World Cup winners and four who have never captured the title made it to the final eight, with two matchups — Argentina-Germany and Netherlands-Brazil — worthy of the final itself.

In the other quarter-finals, two-time World Cup winner Uruguay faces Ghana and Paraguay takes on European champion Spain.

Argentina and Germany met in back-to-back finals in 1986 and '90, and the common denominator is Diego Maradona, who played in each final and now coaches the South American team.

"I feel like pulling on the jersey and playing myself, it is beautiful to be involved with this group of players. I feel proud to share these moments with them," said Maradona, whose ability as a coach was put into doubt by some poor performances in qualifying.

"They said I had no idea about how to coach, but suddenly I am winning matches and I am still the same guy."

Ghana is the only African team left.

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Door open to instant replay?

Upon further review, soccer's governing body now agrees that something must be done about the blatant missed calls that have infuriated fans and players alike at the World Cup.

Just what that something is, though, won't be dealt with until after the tournament in South Africa is over.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said yesterday changes will be considered, and he has apologized to the English and Mexican teams, both of which were victims of bad calls Sunday.

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News in brief



1 Reports say Dirk Nowitzki will opt out of his contract.

2 The Dallas Stars will not offer Mike Modano a contract.

3 The Phillies put second baseman Chase Utley on the 15-day DL.

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Venus gone in Wimbledon shocker

There will be no all-Williams final at Wimbledon this year.

Defending champion Serena has a good chance of playing for her fourth title Saturday, but big sister and five-time winner Venus will be a spectator this time.

Venus was ousted in the quarter-finals yesterday, losing 6-2, 6-3 to 82nd-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria. Venus, seeded second, had reached the Wimbledon final in eight of the past 10 years.

This time, she was undone by a slew of unforced errors and double-faults in her worst loss at Wimbledon in terms of games won

— five.

In another surprise, 21st-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia rallied past two-time U.S. Open winner Kim Clijsters 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 to reach her first Wimbledon semifinal, where she will face Pironkova.

Serena Williams avoided the wave of upsets, beating China's Li Na 7-5, 6-3 and moving closer to her 13th Grand Slam championship.

The top-seeded Serena had 11 aces to take her tournament total to 73, breaking the record of 72 she set last year. She had 21 winners and just six unforced errors.

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Pironkova

More about Tsvetana Pironkova.

1 The 22-year-old is the lowest-ranked player remaining in the women's draw.

2 Pironkova became the first woman representing Bulgaria to reach a Grand Slam semifinal in the Open era.

3 Pironkova also beat Venus Williams in the first round of the Australian Open in 2006.

Miami Heat's fantasy basketball lineup?

Pat Riley's summer of 2010 truly started with the summer of 2005.

There was no elaborate plan for the Miami Heat to woo Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh then.

Instead, that's when Riley got Shaquille O'Neal to sign a \$100-million US, five-year contract. A championship followed the very next season. Riley believed another NBA dynasty was on the way.

Then, thud. O'Neal was traded in February 2008, Miami was the NBA's worst team and Riley quickly realized the bloated contracts the Heat had to accept in exchange for shipping Shaq elsewhere would keep his team from having real money to spend until 2010.

At long last, that time has arrived.



► Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, left, drives on Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh.

The lowdown

- With a league-high \$43.3 million — not counting what Dwyane Wade would make next season — in salary cap room, the Heat are in a stronger position than anyone when the free agency shopping window finally opens at 12:01 a.m. Thursday.
- Miami's first priority is keeping Wade, who wants to stay and even though he's expected to meet with several teams, it would be a shocker if he left South Florida.
- If Wade re-signs, Miami would still have about \$27 million left to court others. And Wade has been letting certain guys know that he would like them as teammates.

"So here we are," Riley said.

Yes, and that dynasty Riley envisioned four years ago might still be born.

Dwyane Wade wants to stay in Miami. He wouldn't mind having LeBron James join him. Or Chris Bosh. Or both, for that matter. And if there's one team in the NBA that has the financial ability to get three of the top five picks in the 2003 draft together for the next few years, it's likely going to be Miami.

It's a heckuva fantasy basketball lineup — Wade, James and Bosh.

Yet in the summer of 2010, fantasy could actually become reality.

Henry Thomas, Wade's agent, said yesterday the 2006 finals MVP has talked with both James and Bosh (whom Thomas also represents) in recent days.

"It might be a pretty good fit, if it were like that," Bosh told The AP. "And Miami as a city, it's no secret that people like Miami."

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Sports in brief

Manny out with injury

BASEBALL. Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez injured his right hamstring running the bases last night and was removed from Los Angeles' game against the San Francisco Giants in the top of the first inning. The Dodgers didn't immediately have further details and said Ramirez was listed as day to day. Ramirez rounded second on James Loney's two-out RBI single and held up slightly before running back to the bag. He extended his right foot out and made

contact with shortstop Edgar Renteria's glove. The ball came out and Ramirez was safe.

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Senators let Cheechoo go

NHL. The Ottawa Senators parted ways with former goal-scoring champion Jonathan Cheechoo by buying out his contract yesterday. The 29-year-old winger was due \$3.5 million US this season in the final year of his deal but was placed on waivers Monday. No one claimed him, allowing the Senators to buy him out. Cheechoo recorded just five goals with nine assists in 61 games for Ottawa last season.

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Losses piling up for struggling Blue Jays



Fausto Carmona rebounded from his worst start of the season by pitching into the seventh inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 last night.

Carmona (7-6) gave up four runs — three earned — and six hits over 6 1/2 innings to help the Indians to their first three-game winning streak since a four-game run June 9-12. Cleveland followed that modest streak by losing 10 of 11 until winning Sunday in Cincinnati.

Kerry Wood worked the ninth for his third save in three games and eighth in 11 chances overall.

He hit Jose Molina with a pitch to open the inning, then struck out pinch-hitter John Buck and got Fred Lewis to hit into a game-ending double play.

"The last two road trips haven't been good," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said. "This one has started off bad."

Blue Jays starter Brandon Morrow (5-6) struck out eight over six innings and Adam Lind broke out of a 1-



for-17 slump with a two-run single for Toronto.

Matt LaPorta hit a one-out homer 422 feet into the bleachers in left-centre to put Cleveland ahead 5-2 in the sixth. It was LaPorta's second homer of the season and first since he was recalled from triple-A Columbus on Sunday.

The Blue Jays got within 5-4, scoring two gift-wrapped runs after Carmona left with one out in the seventh.

A wild pitch by reliever Tony Sipp sent one run home. Joe Smith replaced Sipp with runners on first and third and two outs. He got Jose Bautista to lift a fly ball to short right. Shin-Soo Choo called off second baseman Jayson Nix, but had the ball go off the heel of his glove for a run-scoring error that got Toronto within 5-4.

"We had chances to win and needed one more hit, but didn't get it," Gaston said. "Close, but no ribbons for it."

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7 The Blue Jays have now dropped seven of their past nine games.

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5 drive

Up and down**Not Junk**

While it won't hit Canada until next fall, you can enjoy the Nissan Juke through a newly-launched 360-degree view website: nissan.ca/juke

**Big polluter**

The environmental Transportation Association (ETA) in the UK has named the Lamborghini Murcielago the Least Green Car of 2010.

Chevrolet Camaro delivers the power

► Camaro might be a big and heavy machine, but it handles and stops competently and proves rewarding ► Crank up a Boston Acoustics system

 **JUSTIN PRITCHARD**
FOR METRO CANADA

Interestingly, the V6-powered Camaro RS and the V8-powered Camaro SS look virtually identical to one another albeit some minor visual cues and a single let-

ter of their badges. With horsepower ratings at 306 for the RS and up to 426 for the SS, the strong visual similarities mean that opting for the higher-end model is almost entirely an output-motivated decision. With a Corvette-derived 6.2 litre V8 under the hood,

Camaro SS drivers who opt for the standard six-speed manual get 426 horsepower on perpetual standby. Automatic models get 400. Learn to shift yourself, enjoy the extra power, and save the \$1,500 for speeding tickets and car wax.

End of the day, Chevrolet

has made the Camaro SS a potent performance weapon that's also sensible and comfortable enough for day-to-day use.

Complaints include a modest-looking cabin with a low-budget feel to most trim pieces, as well as very limited outward visibility.

Specifications

- Type Sports coupe
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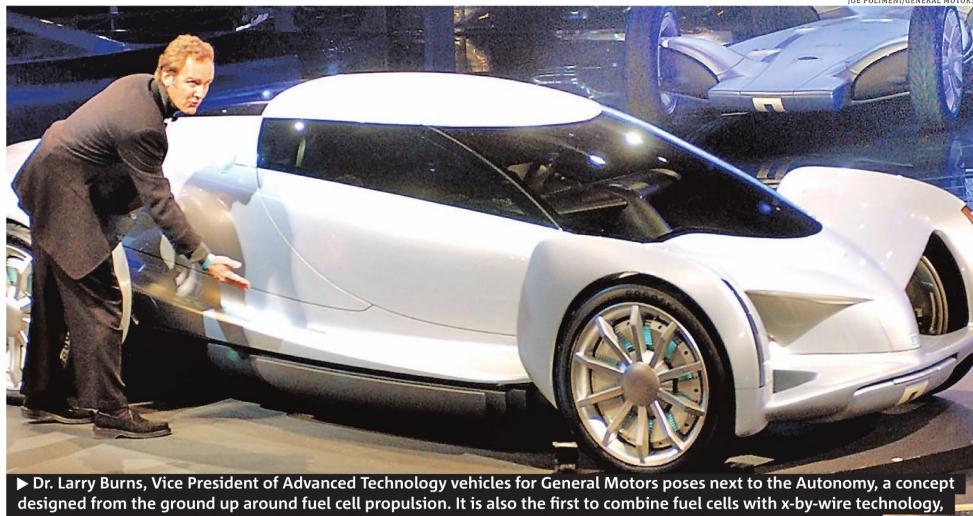
RYAN BOROFF
FOR METRO WORLD NEWS

The car industry has always sought advanced materials that might affect car production. But cost and environmental pressures and the need to construct cars in fundamentally different new ways have made the search for new materials more urgent.

Research has led to a number of excellent concepts in recent years with huge potential to change the car industry for good. In 1998, Toyota took the lead in exploring the use of bioplastics — plastics that can be grown naturally rather than derived from oil — for cars.

Its 1/X plug-in hybrid concept had a body shell made from seaweed and weighed just 926 pounds. Since then bioplastics use has become controversial, but work into more advanced composites to allow greater freedom in car design and functionality continues.

In 2002, GM's AUTOnomy concept had an advanced fuel cell 'skateboard' chassis upon



► Dr. Larry Burns, Vice President of Advanced Technology Vehicles for General Motors poses next to the Autonomy, a concept designed from the ground up around fuel cell propulsion. It is also the first to combine fuel cells with x-by-wire technology, which allows steering, braking and other vehicle systems to be controlled electronically rather than mechanically.

which a number of different upper body shells could, theoretically, be attached.

The concept — which was genius in its simplicity — has influenced vehicle development since.

In 2008, BMW's GINA concept looked at the potential of advanced materials to change the way a car was constructed and how

it behaved. BMW's designers explored possible alternatives to the traditional rigid metal body shell.

Instead the GINA concept has a fabric 'skin' that's pulled taut across a metal and carbon fibre wire frame, allowing its exterior to change shape.

One hot area of research is battery technologies for electric cars. Researchers

from Imperial College London are working with Volvo to develop a new composite material made of carbon fibre and a polymer resin, which is strong and light enough to actually form parts of a car's body shell.

This means that parts of the actual vehicle body could one day double up as its battery, reducing

weight and increasing interior space.

Imperial's eggheads are trying out by placing the new material in a car's boot floor.

If it works then future Volvos could draw power from batteries in their roof, bonnet or doors and have far better performance, range and very different looks.

3
MATERIALLY ADVANCED CAR CONCEPTS



TOYOTA'S 1/X

► Toyota's 1/X plug-in hybrid concept had a body shell made from kelp.



GM AUTONOMY

► Incorporating drive-by-wire technology meant steering, braking and acceleration were controlled electronically rather than mechanically. The chassis had most of the essential running components.



BMW'S GINA

► BMW's GINA concept had a fabric 'skin' so that the actual exterior shape of the car — including the rear spoiler — could be changed 'on the fly'.

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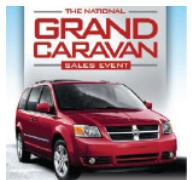
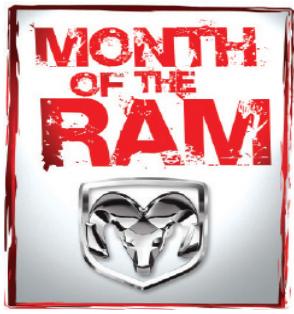
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METRO WORLD NEWS

There are some fundamental limitations with performance cars.

First is that they are expensive and so most of us will never get to own one. Second is that they can be impractical for long journeys. Finally, if you add even one child to the equation they're useless.

The good news is that by the time your average Joe has saved up for a car like this the kids have left home and they can buy a two-seater supercar guilt-free.

But believe it or not there are many people that can afford such a car and also have kids. Until now they hooted about in their Porsches and Aston Martins then traded them in for a regular — albeit luxury — 4x4.

It's why Porsche built the Cayenne, back when SUVs were more popular than smoking.

But the trend now is for four seat exotic supercars. It's a niche that was rebooted by Maserati with its most recent Quattroporte in 2004. Aston Martin has just launched its four-seater, the beautiful Rapide, and Porsche is selling its less beautiful Panamera.

Meanwhile, Lamborghini is developing its own four-seat rocket, the Estoque. So why the rush to

Top 3 rockets

► **Aston Martin Rapide** An Aston with rear seats which fold flat is amazing in itself, not to mention the 6.0-litre 470bhp V12 engine which can propel

produce sporty four-seater coupes?

It's not the first time that the exotic car marques have attempted such a thing. Back in the 70s Lamborghini produced the handsome Espada.

In the 80s Porsche developed a four-seater 911 by stretching it and calling it a 989. It never made production.

Meanwhile, Maserati and Aston Martin Lagon-

da have both built four-seaters in the past but whether they were true four seat supercars is questionable.

In an increasingly competitive market even small specialist sports car makers are looking to expand their range rather than lose buyers simply due to lifestyle changes such as having a family.

The average age of sports cars owners has al-

ways been 50+, and now that people are having children later, this age group can now drive these cars on a daily basis rather than be forced to give up the two-seaters that spawned them.

These cars are more practical for long journeys, with more space for luggage, and with two extra passengers it would make for one hell of a road trip.

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BMW 135i Cabriolet proves to be the One

DREAM CAR

With summer in full swing, a week behind the wheel of a 2011 BMW 135i Cabriolet proved just the ticket. While its bigger brother, and mechanically similar 335i Cabriolet uses a complex retractable hardtop, the One sticks with the tradition light-weight fabric lid. Good call. It operates in 22 seconds and can perform its mechanical ballet at up to 40 km/h, taking the worry out of those stop light retractions. It also leaves a usable 260 litres of space in the trunk.

Yes, BMW's diminutive



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drop top may look cute as a puppy, but the "35" designation on its rump indicates formidable performance.

Put your foot in it and your toupee will be flitting down the road behind you faster than you can blurt, "Fraulein, mien rug!"

With a base price of

\$48,500, this rear-drive premium compact packs the latest version of BMW's 300 hp 3.0L straight-six (N55), now with a single twin-scroll turbo, Valvetronic throttleless intake technology and its 300 lb-ft. of twist available at a lower 1200 r.p.m.

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Enriched technology

No price increase for 2011 Outback

As with most premium European cars, the bottom line swells dramatically as you check those option boxes. The Executive Package (\$3,950) adds heated steering wheel, garage door opener, proximity key, auto dimming interior mirror, powered memory seats with lumbar, and Boston leather.

The M Sport package, at \$1,900, is a must in my view, with 18-inch M double-spoke alloys and performance run-flats, meaty M steering wheel and shift knob, and width adjustable sport seats.

CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Subaru Canada, Inc. (SCI) has announced pricing for the 2011 range of award winning Outback models, even with enhanced equipment, will carry over from the previous model year.

For the new model year, Subaru introduces a new Convenience Package that's standard on the Outback 2.5i and includes folding exterior mirrors and voice-activated Blueconnect Bluetooth system for hands free cellphone connectivity. In addition Subaru has added a new front bumper under-guard to the Outback 2.5i Sport Package.

For a complete list of models, options, and pricing, go to subaru.ca.

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Keep your car air flowing free

- Make sure the condenser is free of any obstructions, such as leaves or insects
- Examine all A/C system hoses for cuts and weak spots

Hours spent in a hot, stifling vehicle can spoil a weekend getaway or vacation. Conducting a periodic under-hood inspection may help you spot air conditioning problems before they spoil your trip.

Here's what to look for:

1. Are A/C component mounting bolts in place and tightly secured?

2. Are caps installed on the A/C system service ports? This keeps out dirt, and also provides a seal for refrigerant.

3. With the engine running, does the compressor clutch engage when the A/C is switched on? If it doesn't, this usually indicates a low



► Keeping your A/C tuned will keep you cool this summer

(or empty) refrigerant condition, or an electrical problem. Also, listen for rapid clicking or cycling noises at the compressor when the A/C is switched on. If this is

happening, it could also indicate low refrigerant or some other problems. Have it checked by your service technician. (Note: Some A/C systems prevent compressor

clutch engagement in low temperatures, typically at or below 40 degrees F.)

4. With the engine running and the A/C switched off, listen for knocking or rumbling sounds in the vicinity of the compressor.

These could indicate a failing compressor clutch, and/or loose mounting hardware.

5. Check all belts for

and the A/C is on. This may indicate a belt that needs to be tightened, or a defective automatic belt tensioner.

Note: Always be extremely careful any time you're under the hood while the engine is running. Stay away from all rotating components with your hands, clothing, and hair, and always wear eye protection around a running engine.

CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

cracks, wear, and glazing. Have them replaced at the first sign of any of these conditions. Also, check for belts that vibrate while the engine is running.

Meet MyFord touch

► New colour-coded control technology will be available on the majority of Ford's nameplates within five years to help drivers manage information coming into car

DRIVING FORCE

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As cars get more complicated, designers have a problem: Making it easier for people to work them. When drivers have only seconds to look away from the road, controls must be easy to understand and operate.

For Ford, that means the new MyFord Touch.

Starting in the Ford Edge, Focus and Lincoln MKX, where it's called MyLincoln Touch, the technology will be available on the majority of

Ford's nameplates within five years.

"It's really about managing the information that's coming into the car," says Paul Aldighieri, user interface designer for Ford. "That information could be very traditional, such as climate control, or things that are brought in, like managing an MP3 player or phone, or even potentially beamed in, like the Net."

Colour-coding is an easy way for users to quickly understand information. The four corners of the MyFord Touch screen

guide the driver: yellow for telephone information, green for navigation, blue for climate control, and red for entertainment.

The colours were chosen on a colour wheel, but we had a couple of things that helped inform us," Aldighieri says. "We wanted navigation to be green because that's the colour of our highway signs, so it made sense, while climate is blue because blue is the colour typically associated with coolness."

As its name suggests, MyFord Touch doesn't use traditional controls, instead relying on touch-sense buttons that work when a finger comes in contact with the surface.

"We're not as constrained as with the mechanics of a traditional switch," Aldighieri says. "It doesn't have to be flat, and it doesn't have to provide 'landing areas' between the buttons that we traditionally have to provide."

"If you think about the iPhone, as an example, there's quite a bit of control and display, but there's only one button on the surface, and lots of points of interaction. It's part of being approachable, and you can be much more free when you present the controls."

The system supports Ford's voice-activated SYNC control, allowing users to speak a variety of commands.



► MyFord Touch relies on touch-sense buttons and supports Ford's voice-activated SYNC controls.

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QUESTION: TO REBATE OR NOT TO REBATE?

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I'm not much of a political animal and tend to stay clear of discussions on how to spend the public money.

The obvious exception, of course, is when it directly concerns moi! For example, I would totally raise my voice in favour of subsidies to encourage more vinyl re-issues of early 1970s arena rock.

Even though we're not currently looking to add a vehicle to our family fleet, I'm still completely drawn into the discussion of whether governments should offer rebates to customers wishing to purchase electric (EV) and/or 'plug in' hybrid (PHEV) vehicles.

The discussion ramped up recently, because come July 1, 2010 (yes, Canada Day), several provinces (Ontario, B.C. and PEI) will no longer offer rebates toward purchases of "regular" hybrids.



► While several provinces will lift rebates for hybrids, they will offer cash for purchasing electric vehicles such as the upcoming Nissan Leaf.

This was brought on because their current programs were based on rebating provincial sales tax (PST), and the HST replaces the PST in those provinces on Canada Day.

We have yet to hear how most provinces will change their green-car rebates moving forward, but we sure did hear from Ontario.

It introduces what just might be the largest electric car rebate — up to \$8,500 — of any jurisdiction in the world.

The maximum benefit of \$8,500 exceeds similar electric vehicle rebates from the U.S., Quebec or upcoming U.K. programs," noted Ontario MTO spokesperson Bob Nichols.

The Ontario program is designed to be a point of purchase incentive; many other jurisdictions, including Quebec and the U.S. are income-tax based programs. We feel that reducing the price differential of these new vehicles from

Debating

rebating

For green vehicles

- Raises profile of green cause
- Accelerates greening of the fleet
- Incentive for more, and

quicker, automaker involvement

Against green vehicles

- Funds better served somewhere else
- Prematurely anoints electric as top green prospect
- Initial production of EV and PHEVs already virtually sold out

conventional vehicles at the point of purchase will encourage more consumers to adopt this strategy."

Well, it certainly won't discourage people from buying EVs and PHEVs, but is this the right strategy for greening the fleet, stimulating domestic EV manufacturing, and a good use of public money? Unfortunately the answer to those questions can only come in the fullness of time.

There are great arguments, both for and against green rebates (see

sidebar), but the one that keeps gnawing at me the most, is that the automakers are already committed to building these vehicles.

I'm sure they haven't planned on letting them go unsold on dealer lots, or watching their competition walk away with this new, emerging market.

Let them compete, I say, against all other EVs and PHEVs, and against all other types of vehicles, and let the best team win. Or maybe I'm watching too much World Cup soccer at the moment.



News in brief

Kia Sorento 'top safety pick'

Joining the 2010 Forte compact sedan and 2010 Soul urban passenger vehicle, the 2011 Sorento compact utility vehicle has been recognized as a "Top Safety Pick" by the U.S. Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) in the midsize SUV category when built after March 2010.

Sorento, which went on sale earlier this year, received the organization's top honour by earning "Good" ratings (the highest achievable) in

frontal, side, rear and rollover impact crash safety tests.

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Lincoln MKZ hybrid most fuel-efficient hybrid

Lincoln's first-ever hybrid, the 2011 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, is now officially the most fuel-efficient luxury sedan in North America with an EPA-certified (US) 41 mpg rating in city driving and (US) 36 mpg on the highway.

The 2011 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's final fuel economy certification was completed this week, and the vehicle will carry an EPA label of 41 mpg for city driving and 36 mpg on the highway when it goes on sale this fall.

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All about colour

 JUSTIN PRITCHARD
FOR METRO CANADA

Ever wonder how carmakers come up with the colours available for your next ride? So have we.

Justin Pritchard gets some answers from Ford's paint expert, Jon Hall. The lead designer of colours and materials at Ford, Hall explains how colour offerings are decided, which colours are the most popular.

Where do available paint colour selections come from? Who decides which colours are available?

Colour selection is led by our design team, but we have lots of input and resources to draw from in making those choices. Most importantly, we have a group with expertise in automotive design, fashion, interior design, textiles, art, and even technical product experience.

We have information to help us keep abreast of such industries as fashion, automotive and other industrial design.

Also, information comes from many worldwide trade shows for things like furniture, interior design, and materials.

How much does brand image have to do with the colours available on certain models? Why can't I get a Lincoln MKZ painted in bright yellow?

Colours are evaluated for how well they fit with certain brands and designs.

You might be perfectly happy with a bright yellow Lincoln, but through our research and dealer committees we are able to gauge that an exotic colour would not appeal to the majority of Lincoln customers.

We want colours that fit right to the vehicles that customers see on the road and in our dealerships,

and colours that are desirable and beautiful as well.



► Ford's paint expert, Jon Hall, talks about the science of colour

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► On a test drive, be sure to check for proper operation of all interior accessories — including the stereo

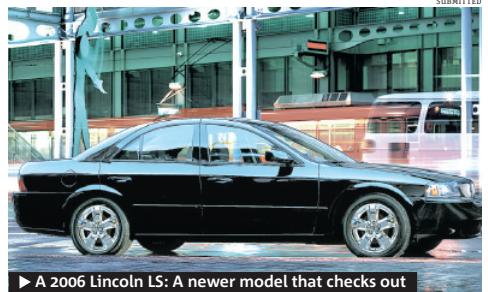
SECOND GEAR

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American luxury sedans tend to deliver ample doses of luxury and style at a reasonable price point once they hit the used market — and the Lincoln LS is no exception. The now-retired model was one of the brands most successful entry models, and was available in model years 2000 to 2006 inclusive.

Both six and eight-cylinder engines were available, as was a rare manual transmission on the smaller engine. Power output for the standard 3.0 litre V6 was rated at 210 or 232 horsepower depending on the year, while the small-displacement 3.9 litre V8 generated 252 or 280 ponies.

The LS was facelifted and powered-up for a 2003 update, after which point it carried on until 2006 before being replaced by the Zephyr—which is now called the MKZ. Many criticized



► A 2006 Lincoln LS: A newer model that checks out mechanically will give you a fairly reliable and refined luxury car experience that won't break the bank.

tive to comparably-sized luxury sedans from Germany and Japan.

Features included a CD changer, THX audio system, power sunroof, dual-zone climate control, a motorized tilt/telescopic steering wheel and a full complement of airbags. Xenon headlights were available, too.

Shoppers considering the Lincoln LS for its styling, ride quality and relative affordability should avoid earlier models and opt for as new a unit as their budget allows.

Lincoln for stopping production of the rear-drive LS in favour of the front-drive Zephyr, which is a badge-engineered Ford Fusion twin.

Indeed, the award-winning LS was a viable alterna-

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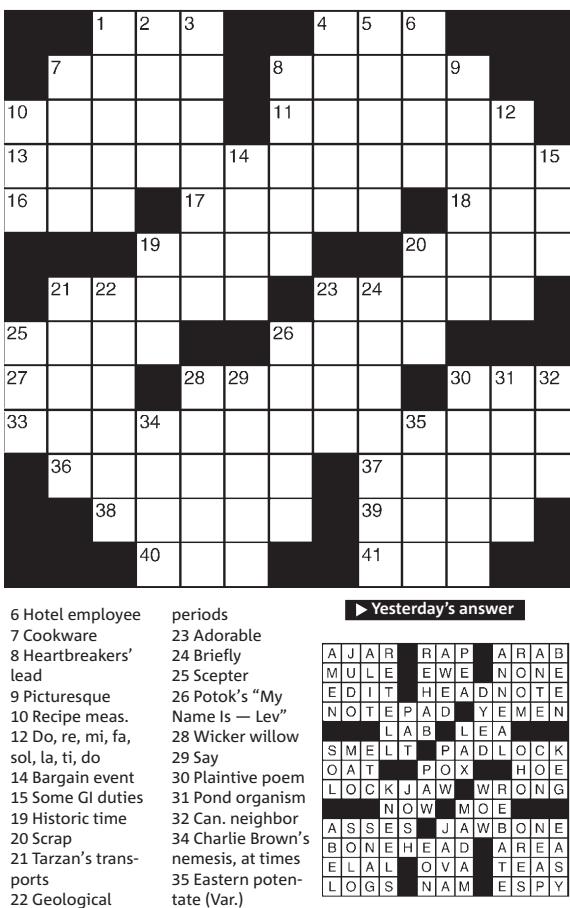
Crossword

Across

- 1 Allow
- 4 First name of 8-
- 7 Hemingway sobriquet
- 8 Gyro holders
- 10 Invigorant
- 11 Morals
- 13 Arranges to win, maybe
- 16 Last Greek consonant
- 17 Procrastinator's reply
- 18 Siesta
- 19 Slithery
- 20 Some paintings
- 21 Mesa — National Park
- 23 "Odyssey" sorceress
- 25 Philbin's co-host
- 26 Family member
- 27 Lennon's lady
- 28 Exiles
- 30 Water (Fr.)
- 33 Puts up holly, perhaps
- 36 Certain Muslim
- 37 Letter after 16-
- 38 Tend the helm
- 39 Latvia's capital
- 40 Blunder
- 41 Attempt

Down

- 1 Porch
- 2 Grand story
- 3 Stopped the ball carrier
- 4 Church donation
- 5 Different
- 6 Hotel employee
- 7 Cookware
- 8 Heartbreakers' lead
- 9 Picturesque
- 10 Recipe meas.
- 12 Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do
- 14 Bargain event
- 15 Some GI duties
- 19 Historic time
- 20 Scrap
- 21 Tarzan's transports
- 22 Geological
- 23 Adorable
- 24 Briefly
- 25 Scepter
- 26 Potok's "My Name Is — Lev"
- 28 Wicker willow
- 29 Say
- 30 Plaintive poem
- 31 Pond organism
- 32 Can. neighbor
- 34 Charlie Brown's nemesis, at times
- 35 Eastern potentate (Var.)
- 36
- 38
- 39
- 40
- 41



► Yesterday's answer

A	J	A	R	R	A	P	A	R	A	B
M	U	L	E	W	E	N	O	N	E	
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L	O	G	S	N	A	M	E	S	P	Y

Today's horoscope



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Aries March 21-April 20 The higher you aim the more you will accomplish this week, and the more you accomplish the more you will feel good about yourself and life in general.

Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't sit around thinking about what might have been — get out into the world and do something special. The next few days are going to be crucial to your emotional and mental well-being.

Gemini May 22-June 21 You may not much trust a particular person but what they have to tell you today is important, and deep down you know it is true.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Today clear your mind of irrelevant details and allow you to start mov-

ing forwards again. Be brave, be bold and above all be ready to act when opportunity comes knocking.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 It is impossible for you to fail (almost), so the more risks you take this coming week the more you could accomplish. Don't just aim to be good, aim to be the very best.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Today you can quite easily charm your way past other people's defenses. Say nice things and you'll get even more nice things in return.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Only you know how much effort you have put into your work and only you know how much it has

taken out of you. You've trumped everyone's expectations, so reward yourself with a vacation.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Focus on the important tasks that have to be finished over the next few days and don't let other people side-track you with their personal problems. Even romantic relationships must take a back seat.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Jupiter, your ruler and planet of plenty, will bring out the best in you over the next few days. The higher you aim the more likely it is you will succeed, so don't hold back.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Major changes are possible, but

you must be the one who makes the first move. Sit down with the one you love and talk through any problems you might have.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you need to open up a bit about your thoughts and feelings now is the time because you are guaranteed a positive response. You'll be surprised how easy it is to confide in people.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Today will reveal a whole new range of possibilities and all you have to do is decide which one you are going to devote yourself to. But it must only be one. If you double your aims you halve your effectiveness.

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Sudoku

1				8	3	2		6
4	3						7	
				9	5	4		
2						1		
				6	9			
1						9		
7				9	6			
6						2	5	
9	2	3	5					8

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9 only once. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

8	5	7	3	2	9	1	4	6
2	3	6	1	4	5	8	7	9
1	4	9	6	7	8	5	3	2
9	7	5	8	1	4	2	6	3
3	6	8	2	5	7	4	9	1
4	1	2	9	3	6	7	5	8
7	8	3	4	9	1	6	2	5
6	2	4	5	8	3	9	1	7
5	9	1	7	6	2	3	8	4

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min 12° Max 22°	Min 6° Max 17°	Min 7° Max 19°

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Love you H.B.
XO JENN!

Martin, 21 years since we married and I love you today more than ever.

TRACY

Hi Keisha B. Congrats on another successful year at school. You are growing up into a beautiful and intelligent young women. You are amazing...

LOVE DAD

I am sending a kiss for super hot looking guy Hernan.

SECRET HOT GIRL

How did I get so lucky?

XO MARIA

Heather C, darlin' — see you Thursday?

RICHARD

Judy, You're an amazing Mom. Good luck on Wednesday.

LOVE CHRISTINE



Andrew Schultz,
Meteorologist

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